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From Paris to Tokyo, and Tel Aviv to London: the cry is 'Sell'

Dealers in Paris, Tokyo, Tel Aviv, London and dozens of other share markets round the world plunged into fresh orgies of selling yesterday, with eyes — and ears — fixed on how Wall Street was taking the strain

Wall Street steady after City plunge

- London shares fell again, closing 250.7 down at 1,801.6 after fluctuating throughout the day.
- The BP share offer will definitely go ahead in spite of a slump in the share price to 285p, compared with the 330p offer price.
- US markets calmed after the Federal Reserve Board promised to provide liquidity to keep the markets solvent. Wall Street was up 22.2 at 1,760.94.
- Chancellor Mr Nigel Lawson said the collapse of world stock markets was an "absurd over-reaction."

By Kenneth Fleet and John Bell

A chorus of soothing words from senior international figures — in which only Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, struck a note of disharmony — helped to bring intermittent relief to Wall Street yesterday after Monday's calamitous 508-point fall.

The Chancellor, in a BBC television interview, squarely blamed Mr James Baker, his American counterpart, for prompting the sudden slump in world stock markets by public criticism of West Germany's intention to raise interest rates.

While Wall Street fluctuated wildly, London again fell vertically in a day of record dealings. At the close the FT-SE 100 index, which had fallen 249.6 points on Monday, had shed another 250.7 points to 1,801.6. The FT 30 share index, having fallen 183.7 on Monday, fell another 190 points to 1,439.2. In two days the FT-SE index has dropped by 21.74 per cent and the FT index by 20.62 per cent, wiping £94.3 billion off share values. The indices are now 26.27 per cent and 25.25 per cent below their July 16 peaks.

Mr Lawson thought the market had "overreacted". He found an eager supporter in the chairman of the Stock Exchange, Sir Nicholas Goodison, who said there had been "an element of unreasonable panic" and advised investors to take a "rational" look at the British economy, which was "very strong". His personal view was that "the market will bounce back." Small investors "should not' misread events but consult their financial advisers."

By a cruel stroke of irony the latest indicator of the British economy, the money supply and bank lending figures for September, were far more disturbing than the City had expected. Fuelling the consumer spending boom, the banks lent an extra £4.4 billion, a figure perilously close to the the huge July figure of £4.96 billion which prompted the Bank of England to force up bank base rates to 10 per cent early in August. Bank lending in August went up by £2 billion and the City was looking for a September figure of not more than £3 billion.

Wall Street, which on Monday had sent fear and panic round every stock market, got away to a good start yesterday in response first to the decision of two leading banks, Chemical and Marine Midland, to rescind rises in their prime lending rates, second to an important statement by the chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, Dr Alan Greenspan. Dr Greenspan said that the Fed, "consistent with its responsibilities", was ready to support "the financial and economic system."

This was read as a commitment to prevent any big bankruptcies in sensitive areas of the American economy that might generate real panic. Wall Street surged at the opening to a gain in the Dow Jones industrial average of 182 points. The new-found relief did not last long when rumours again began circulating that at least two leading Wall Street investment houses were in dire straits as a result of the market's collapse. The Dow swung to register a fall of 67.2. Firm denials helped to restored equilibrium. The Dow hit a high of 1,914.12 before retreating in the afternoon to 1,802.55, a gain of 63.81.

Meanwhile, Mr Baker had returned to Washington, having cut short his stay in Europe. He succeeded in patching up his differences with the West Germans, who graciously pledged fresh efforts to stabilize currencies. The West German finance minister, Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, "emphasized our determination to continue the close economic co-operation regarding foreign exchange stabilization and monetary policy." The president of the Bundesbank, Herr Karl Otto Poehl, also weighed in with a remark that West Germany "had no interest in higher rates", thus contradicting last week's utterances. The dollar had a helter skelter sort of day before closing firmer against the West German mark at DM1.8090.

The day saw mayhem in every important stock market.

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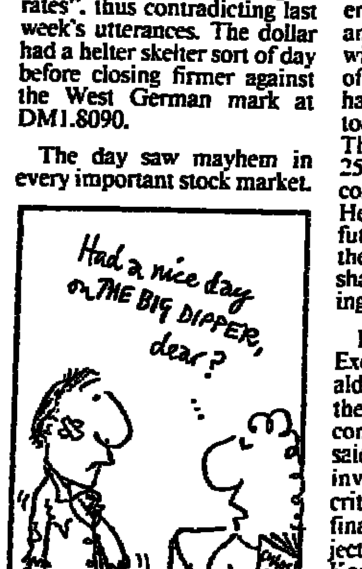

Had a nice day on THE BIG DIPPER, dear?

Overnight, the Tokyo Stock Exchange took its lead from the collapse on Wall Street. The key Nikkei Dow Average plunged lower at each hourly reading to finish 3.836.48 points off. This represents a fall of 14.9 per cent, more than triple the previous largest one-day decline.

Despite hectic levels of activity — more than 500 million shares were traded in the session — the market remained open. According to one exhausted trader at the close, there was no sign of the panic conditions evident in New York the previous night. There were even signs of buyers moving in during the last two hours of trading picking up shares at basement prices. "At least we remained open unlike Hong Kong and Sydney. The market mechanism coped well." said one broker. The finance minister, Mr Kiichi Miyazawa, thought the market would recover quickly because of its liquidity.

Steep falls were recorded on the Johannesburg stock exchange in heavy trading, but dealers pointed out that in percentage terms they were less severe than those in London and the main Far Eastern markets. Industrial shares were worst hit as investors switched into gold, traditionally seen as a haven in times of financial turmoil. The industrial index shed 113 points to 2,152 with the overall market index off 144 points from its record high of 2.804 on Monday.

Australian markets experienced their worst day with an unprecendented £24 billion wiped off the aggregate value of listed shares. "No one alive has seen what we saw here today." said a senior broker. The market dropped almost 25 per cent in the wake of collapses seen in Northern Hemisphere exchanges. Stock futures, the best indicator of the outlook for Australian shares, were said to be indicating further steep falls.

In Hong Kong, the Stock Exchange chairman, Mr Ronald Li, suspended dealings for the rest of the week. The controversial move was, he said, designed to protect investors, but it was bitterly criticized in London and other financial centres. Mr Li rejected suggestions that Hong Kong's repuation as a centre for international investment would suffer. He blamed other world markets for the chaotic conditions seen in Hong Kong share trading on Monday.

INDICES:

FT-SE: 1,801.6 (-250.6)
Dow Jones*: 1802.55 (+64.14)
Nikkei: 21,910.08 (-3,836.48)
Pound: $1.6540 (-2.7c)
Gold: $466.00 (-$15.50)
* at 2.30pm New York time

SHARE PRICES:

Br Telecom	222	down 18
Br Gas	140	down 8
BP	285	down 30
B Aerospace	447	down 29
BA	162	down 23
BAA	117	down 20
Britoil	246	down 32
Enterprise	257	down 18
Rolls-Royce	152½	down 31½
TSB	125	down 9
ICI	1250	down 150
GEC	189	down 17
Nat West	522	down 38
Jaguar	404	down 99
Beecham	387	down 74
Grand Met	443	down 75
Royal Ins	432	down 60
Lucas	604	down 96
Allied-Lyons	352	down 35
Guinness	266	down 59
Tate & Lyle	756	down 71
Boots	245	down 31
ASDA-MFI	165	down 13

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Soccer shares

Football fans will have a chance to own shares in Wembley after a merger between the private company owning the stadium and GRA, the property and greyhound racing group.......... Page 25

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Police are to launch an inquiry into violent scenes at Ibrox last Saturday when three players were sent off during the Celtic-Rangers match Page 48

Portfolio

- Two readers shared the £4,000 prize in yesterday's Times Portfolio Gold competition. Details, page 3.
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Lawson calls for faith in economy

By Robin Oakley
Political Editor

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, tried to calm anxious investors last night by saying there was no need to expect a rise in British interest rates and insisting that the BP share sale would go ahead.

He emphasized that the British economy had a strong base, and urged investors to plan for the long-term.

He blamed the dispute over interest rates between Mr James Baker, the US treasury secretary, and his German counterpart, for setting off the stockmarket share slide, saying it was a "row which should never have happened". He said markets had "grotesquely overreacted".

Mr Lawson is expected to report on the Stock Exchange collapse to Mrs Thatcher this morning, after her return from Dallas. A meeting of ministers will follow. Mrs Thatcher was kept in touch with events yesterday by telephone, although she did not speak to the Chancellor.

Ministers resisted calls last night for a Commons statement on the collapse, taking the view that the behaviour of markets was not a government matter.

However, the Opposition is expected to ask the Speaker to grant time for a private notice question on the share slide today.

Mr John Smith, the shadow Chancellor, said the crash showed that a free market approach to international economic relations had failed.

"Free markets don't work", he said. There had been no effective international co-ordination of interest rates, exchange rates and economic expansion, although Mr Lawson and Mr Baker had made a small start in the Louvre accord.

Mr Smith called for a "more intelligent international approach to co-operation" and said that the way panic could be seen spreading through the time zones underlined the international dimension of interlocked economies.

"What has not kept pace with the internationalization of markets and economies is the capacity of governments to manage these economies on an international basis", he said.

While Mr Smith echoed the Chancellor's comments that part of the fall was due to the correction of overvalued markets, and also blamed the interest rate row between the Americans and Germans, Labour will challenge in the Commons Mr Lawson's assertion that the British economy is basically sound.

Mr Smith said the fall in British markets had been given an extra twist by bad

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Iran warned that US can strike again

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Defence Secretary, yesterday warned Iran that if it carried out its vows of vengeance, the US would retaliate with "additional responses" to "drive the message home" that it would not tolerate attacks on merchant shipping.

In a series of television interviews he said the us either enforced its principle of freedom of the seas, or it gave up and walked away. "It is very clear that we would not and should not do the latter," he said.

Mr Vladimir Petrovsky, a Soviet deputy Foreign Minister who has been attending the United Nations General Assembly, yesterday called at his own request on Mr Michael Armacost, the Under-Secretary State for political affairs, to discuss the Gulf crisis.

Mr Petrovsky deals with the Middle East, Afghanistan and regional trouble spots.

Meanwhile, the State Department yesterday reiterated its strong advice to Americans not to travel to Iran.

Mr Weinberger said the only condition under which the US would decrease the level of its forces in the Gulf would be "when and if the Iranian behaviour changes, or when and if the other nations of the world take sufficient action to dry up the Iranians' ability to get the materials necessary to carry out these indiscriminate attacks".

He also said the US had the capability to destroy the Iranian Silkworm missile sites.

The US was prepared for any eventuality in the Gulf, but did not look on the latest incident as a war.

"We're not at war. We're not seeking to expand the conflict. We're not seeking to have any kind of additional aggressive measures at all," he said.

His tough remarks were generally endorsed by Congress, which has given full backing to the US strike on the Iranian oil platform. But pressure grew in the Senate yesterday to force President Reagan to invoke the War Powers Resolution, or to accept a similar resolution which could put a time limit on the escorting of reflagged Kuwaiti tankers.

Washington (AP) — **The US Navy began a new convoy operation for reflagged Kuwaiti tankers yesterday just one day after American ship destroyed Iranian offshore platforms in the Gulf.**

The Pentagon said the new convoy — two reflagged Kuwaiti ships and the guided-missile frigate USS Ford — were heading south toward the Strait of Hormuz.

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Mr Weinberger, however, yesterday repeated the Administration view that the resolution was unconstitutional.

The US strike, long expected here, has quickly been played down as the nation is preoccupied with the economic situation and the Wall Street crash.

US jet hits hotel, kills 14

Indianapolis (Reuter) — A US Air Force fighter jet clipped the roof of a bank and exploded in flames in the lobby of a hotel near Indianapolis airport yesterday, killing at least 14.

The pilot of the A-7 Corsair, based at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, parachuted to safety after radioing a distress call from 30,000 feet that he had suffered an engine flame-out.

The jet hit the roof of a bank building about half a mile east of the airport and slammed into the lobby of the seven-story, 220-room Ramada Inn.

The Marion County Coroner's Office said an undetermined number of people were injured. One report said all those killed were in one room attending a business seminar.

Police said they believed there were 170 people in the hotel.

Six die in Cessna crash at Stansted

Six people died yesterday when a Cessna twin-engined aircraft crashed near Stansted airport (Harvey Elliott writes).

The Cessna had just taken off when the pilot reported "a problem". As he made a tight turn the aircraft nose-dived into a forest and exploded. Rescue workers found no survivors.

Last night the dead were named as Mr Malcolm Lamprell, the pilot and his wife Susan of Sawbridgeworth, Mr James Branch and his wife Pauline of Harlow, Anne Collins of Sawbridgeworth and Mr Roger Watterson of Elsenham.

Hurd has to rethink extradition

By Sheila Gunn
Political Staff

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, has been forced to rethink his attempt to modernize the extradition laws after complaints by senior legal figures in the House of Lords that British nationals could be treated unfairly.

Labour and Alliance peers agreed last night to withdraw an amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill which would sabotage the simpler system for extraditing criminals to other countries only after Lord Caithness, the Home Office minister, agreed to re-examine the Bill.

However, the Government is expected to try for sort of compromise before the next stage of the Bill. Mr Hurd had wanted to abolish the need for countries wanting to reclaim their criminals to demonstrate a prima facie case.

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Soviet mind control exposed under eye of KGB

From Christopher Walker
Moscow

A daring campaign to publicize the plight of scores of sane Soviet political prisoners still held in special psychiatric hospitals was launched yesterday at a press conference behind locked doors — a stone's throw from the Soviet Aviation Ministry.

Western reporters, whose arrival was watched by the KGB from a curtained-off green van, were able to hear for the first time an account of conditions in one of the special mental hospitals by a man recently released after being incarcerated since 1982. We also heard the voice of a clandestinely-recorded female inmate, aged 37, still under detention.

In a cloak-and-dagger atmosphere more reminiscent of journalistic life in pre-Gorbachov times, Mr Vladimir Titov, a pale-looking former KGB lieutenant, aged 49, described life inside the notorious Sychyovka Hospital, from which he was released on October 9, days before his case featured in a special human rights television link between Moscow and Washington.

Claiming still to be suffering from the drugs haloperidol and aminazin, with which he was treated as a form of punishment, Mr Titov claimed he had been sent to the hospital because he was classified as "schizophrenic" for giving information to Western contacts about Soviet prison labour being used on various energy projects, including a pipeline linking Siberia with Western Europe.

"I estimate that 20 per cent of the 1,000 inmates were like me, perfectly healthy, and in there because of their beliefs," he said. "A number were Baptists. The Soviet police often claim that people who proclaim their belief in God are mentally sick because they believe in something that no one can see."

Speaking to more than 30 journalists packed into a small second storey room, Mr Titov decribed the unpleasantness of life in the special hospital (of which 18 are now believed to be functioning) in agonizing detail. The perimeter was electrified and guarded by soldiers, while each of the "psychiatrists" wore epaulettes because they were performing a military function.

Mr Titov, who left the KGB in 1961 because of disillusionment with its methods, has seen his case become a cause célèbre in the West — which explains why shortly before last week's television "bridge", he was set free and given by KGB agents a valid visa to Israel, although he is not Jewish.

"In the hospital, they make a practice of putting normal people into wards and cells with those who are really mentaly ill. They know it has a terrible psychological effect," he explained. "There are no nurses as such, just ordinary convicts who act as orderlies. Although the patients are officially registered as sick, they are forced to work." A haunted-looking figure in shabby clothes, Mr

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NEWS SUMMARY

New union for Civil Servants

A new union was created yesterday by the merger of the Civil Service Union (CSU) and the Society of Civil and Public Servants (SCPS). To be known as the National Union of Civil and Public Servants, it will be the second largest in the country and will give its 120,000 members more influence with the Government.

The two unions had been talking about a merger for two years. The results of their ballots were announced in London. The CSU voted for the merger by more than five-to-one (15,441 in favour and 3,226 against) in a 64 per cent turn-out of its members. The SCPS vote was about two-to-one (17,621 in favour and 8,193 against) in a 30 per cent poll.

Mr Leslie Christie, general secretary of the SCPS, is to be leader of the new union. He said that the result of the twin ballots meant a breakthrough for trade union unity in the Civil Service and public bodies.

Lecturers on strike

Two thousand polytechnic and college lecturers in Manchester went on strike yesterday over a 7 per cent pay offer.

The National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education says the rise, which would give lecturers salaries of between £12,063 and £15,800, makes college staff worse off than comparable school-teachers and university staff.

Lecturers in London colleges will strike today, with staff in Birmingham, Wolverhampton and Brighton out tomorrow.

Death of exam boy

Adrian Fletcher, the boy who passed five O levels at higher grades after sitting the examinations while wearing an oxygen mask to overcome the effects of cystic fibrosis, has died after collapsing at his home in Cheshunt, Hertfordshire, aged 15.

Goffs School is planning to hold a special assembly on Friday when readings and prayers will be led by Dr Colin Hadley, the headmaster, who said: "Right from the start, Adrian was determined that he should be treated as an ordinary boy."

Bill given more time

Lord Wyatt, chairman of the Tote, has won more parliamentary time for his Bill to legalize horse racing and other sporting events on Sundays.

The detailed committee stage of the Sunday Sports Bill had been pencilled in for late one evening this month and that could have prevented many peers from supporting it.

However, the pro-Sunday racing lobby complained that the timing could jeopardize their chances of getting the Bill through Parliament.

Security protest

Union leaders representing MPs' secretaries and research assistants yesterday protested at Commons security measures after a dispute over the employment by a Labour MP of an Irishman cleared of murdering an RUC officer.

The Government announced a seven-day delay in issuing security passes to newly appointed employees of MPs. Mr Jeremy Corbyn, MP for Islington North, had employed as a researcher Mr Ronan Bennett, whose conviction for murder was quashed on appeal.

Runcie rescue

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, has volunteered to act as a "casualty" to be airlifted by a Royal Navy helicopter during an air-sea rescue demonstration being staged for him off the Cornish coast.

But Dr Runcie's wish to dangle between sky and sea at the end of a thin steel cable may depend on the Ministry of Defence giving approval.

He will be in Cornwall to take part in the centenary celebrations of the consecration of Truro Cathedral on November 3.

More executives rebel against job relocation

By Ronald Faux
Employment Affairs Correspondent

A growing number of executives are rejecting offers of better jobs in new locations because of the disruption they entail, the Institute of Manpower Studies finds in a survey of the problem published yesterday.

Companies are finding it more necessary to relocate managers and professional staff but the staff are increasingly reluctant to move.

The survey cites disrupted home and social life, differences in house prices between north and south, inadequate promotional pay increases, the unattractiveness of certain relocation areas and interrupted education as some of the reasons for that reluctance.

Mr John Atkinson, Institute of Manpower Studies research fellow and author of the report, *Relocating Managers and Professional Staff*, said that although employers were increasingly concerned about the growing resistance, instead of coming to grips with a complex and many-sided difficulty, they had gone in for "knee-jerk" responses, throwing more money into relocation packages and leaning on the Inland Revenue to subsidize them.

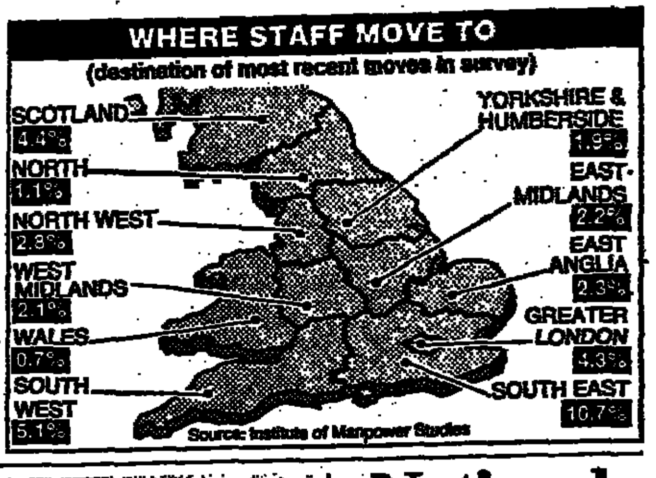
"It will not do and I think they realize it will not do but most of them are at a losss to know what else to do", Mr Atkinson said.

About 250,000 workers are relocated each year by their companies and the survey shows that willingness to be mobile was strongly conditioned by age; those in their twenties, particularly the high flyers and those with specialist skills, were a third more likely to have moved in the last decade than those in their thirties.

A third of the sample had rejected a new job in the last decade simply because they did not wish to move; two-thirds were motivated primarily by the opportunity for career advancement and one third by the prospect of a higher salary.

Workers who refused to be relocated were rarely penalized directly but they could be removed from promotion lists, lose seniority and access to senior promotion, the survey says.

WHERE STAFF MOVE TO
(destination of most recent moves in survey)



Source: Institute of Manpower Studies

British firms do first deal under Awacs agreement

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

The Boeing aircraft company, which undertook to offer British defence firms 1.4 billion dollars (£850 million) in contracts as part of last year's Awacs deal with the United States, yesterday announced the first agreement valued at 120 million dollars.

Mr Mark Miller, president of Boeing, gave a firm promise in London yesterday that the whole deal would be completed within the eight years agreed between the two countries — but he gave a warning that British companies would have to show they were competitive.

Mr Miller was speaking at the opening in London of a Boeing office that will handle the "offset" contract. More than 100 British firms have so far visited the company's headquarters in Seattle since January this year to be told of the opportunities available.

Yesterday, Boeing said British companies would have to be more aggressive in seeking contracts with the American company. "We are not going to pay a premium to British companies just to meet our offset agreement", one official said.

Last December Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, announced that Britain would be buying Awacs early warning aircraft for £860 million after cancelling the British Nimrod project at a loss to the taxpayer of £930 million. Boeing offered a unique 130 per cent offset deal to win the contract.

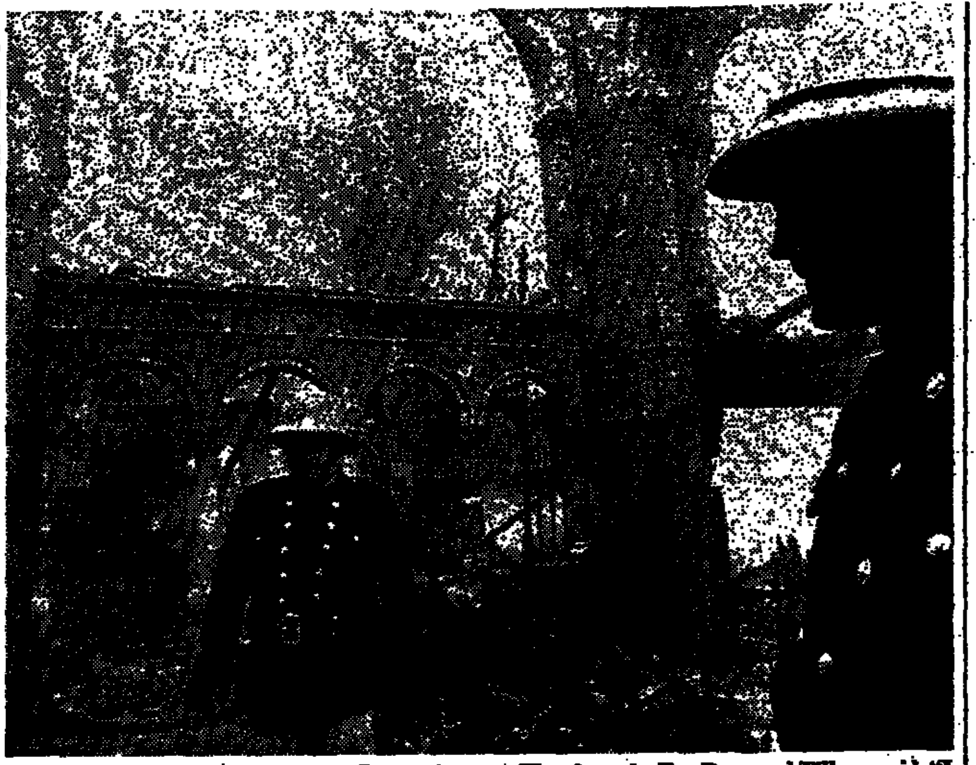
Yesterday, at the opening of the offset office in London, Lord Trefgarne, Minister of State for Defence Procurement, said he recognized that the Boeing offer was not welcomed by the US Congress nor by American defence companies.

He agreed that British companies would have to give value for money if they wanted to benefit from the unprecedented opportunities to gain access into the US market.

Yesterday's announcement of the first 20 offset contracts included a 12 million dollar (£7.1 million) award to Rediffusion Simulation of Crawley, Sussex, to build the UK Awac simulator to be used to train RAF flight crews.

Mr Tom Manning, vice-president of the new London-based Boeing organization, said yesterday that the unique 130 per cent offset offer had been made to the British Government to help compensate for the cancellation of the Nimrod project. He also said that the offset deal could be worth 1.7 billion dollars if the Government decided to take up the option of buying two more Awacs.

Mr Manning said that there were no costs penalties if Boeing failed to complete the offset deal within eight years but there was an agreement that the period could be extended.



St Peter's Church in Eaton Square, Belgravia, west London, stands gutted yesterday after a fire destroyed church property worth nearly £2 million. Arson is suspected.

The fire is believed to have started close to the main altar soon after a matins service began. It spread rapidly, engulfing the whole building, causing the roof to collapse and forcing three families to be moved from Upper Belgravia Street because of the heat.

The vicar, the Rev Desmond Tillyer, said: "I am at a loss for words; the church is loved, cared for and used daily as a symbol of faith. We will go on as a church, using the church school."

A police spokesman said the incident could be linked to a fire less than than 24 hours earlier at St Matthew's church in Westminster.

(Photograph: Graham Wood).

Ministers settle on budgets

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Government is on course to make its autumn economic statement next month after smoother progress than it expected in talks on public spending between ministers and the Treasury.

It is expected to exceed its target for 1988-89 by between £2 billion and £3 billion, an outcome which will allow it to claim that it has achieved its objective of reducing public expenditure as a proportion of gross national product.

All the main spending ministers are understood to have settled with Mr John Major, Chief Secretary to the Treasury. The only substantial issue still to go before Lord Whitelaw's "star chamber", the final Whitehall court of appeal, is understood to be the attempt by Sir Geoffrey Howe, Foreign Secretary, and Mr Chris Patten, Minister for Overseas Development, to increase overseas aid.

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, is thought to have won at least part of the extra £60 million he was seeking for school building. Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Social Services, is believed to have gained agreement for raising child benefit in line with inflation.

That will not satisfy such senior Conservative MPs as Sir Ian Gilmour, the former Cabinet minister, who spoke yesterday of the Treasury's irrational prejudice against child benefit. He called on Mr Moore to make up for the 1987 shortfall. To reduce its relative value by uprating it only in line with inflation would be mean and inappropriate to the party of the family, he said in a speech to the Oxford Tory Reform Group.

National grid 'must be kept together'

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

The management and the main trade union in the electricity industry both said yesterday that the power station network and the national grid should be kept together when the Government privatizes the industry.

Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Energy, has said more competition will be introduced and has ruled out privatizing as a single unit the 12 area electricity boards and the Central Electricity Generating Board.

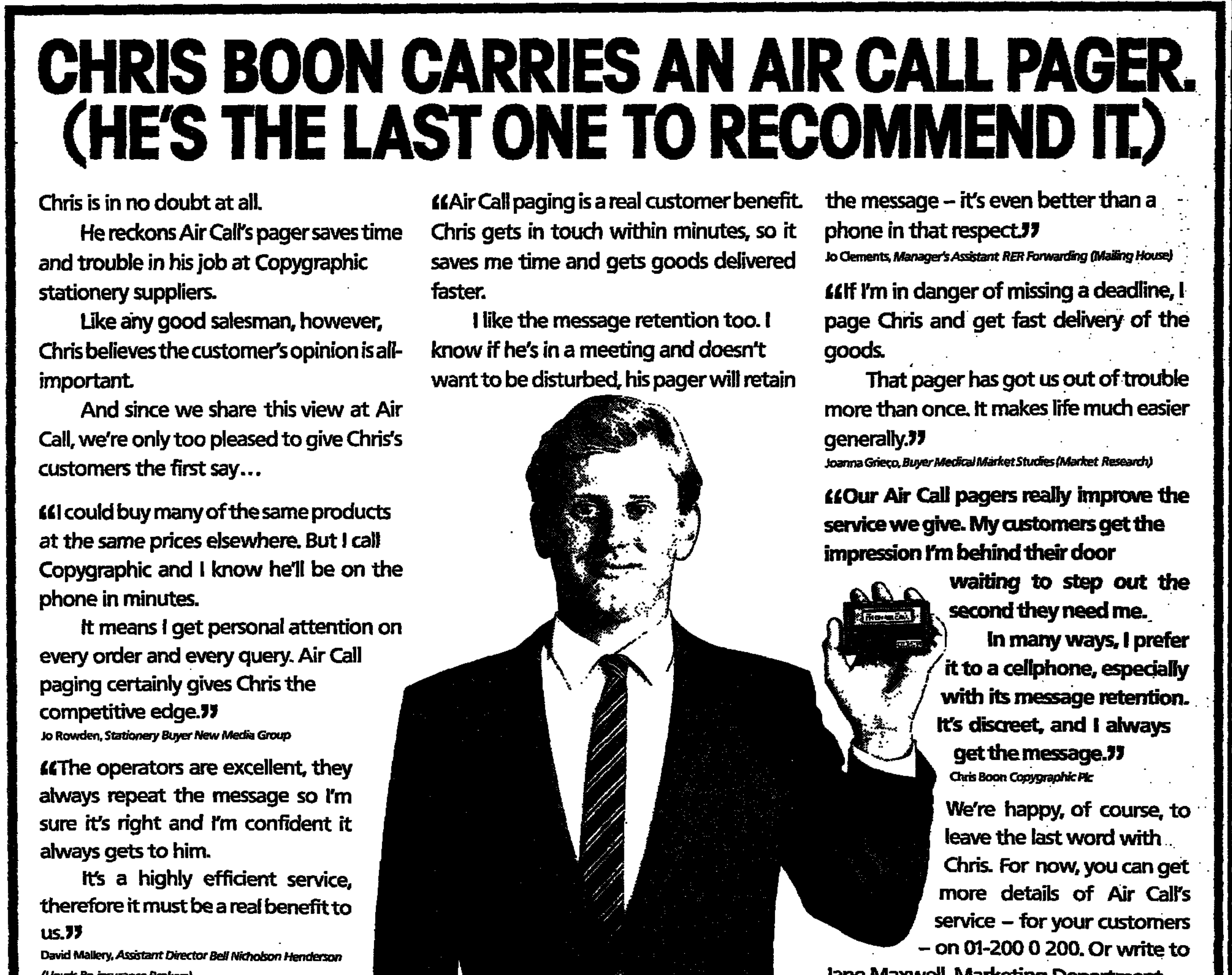
The industry is pointing to the successful way it prevented power cuts in the South last week from spreading throughout the country by manipulating power into the national grid.

Mr John Baker, the board's corporate managing director, said: "Our prices have been cut 15 per cent in real terms in the last five years."

Mr John Lyons, the general secretary of the Engineers' and Managers' Association, which represents power station and national grid staff said: "Friday's hurricane has highlighted the sumpreme importance of the national grid and the transmission system remaining with the CEGB".

Mr Lyons also said that a letter sent to him by Mr Parkinson does not deny suggestions that the Government is planning to increase electricity prices by 25 per cent in the three years before privatization.

● The opposition of the National Union of Public Employees to the privatization of water will be given in detail today by Mr Rodney Bickerstaffe, the union's general secretary, when he launches a parliamentary lobbying campaign.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Shipyard workers win benefits claim

The Government is to pay more than £1.3 million to shipyard workers who claimed that they were wrongly denied unemployment benefit after being made redundant.

Officials from the Department of Employment have spent seven months inquiring into 22,000 cases, some going back more than 10 years. The majority, 16,000, were in the North-east, which bore the brunt of shipbuilding job losses. A team of 15 Civil Servants investigated every case.

It judged that about 1,000 claims were wrongly disallowed at the time and arrears have been paid. A further 4,000 cases have been indentified, involving workers who were advised not to claim at the time and therefore did not receive the maximum amount of unemployment benefit to which they were due.

A Department of Employment spokesman in the region said yesterday that although benefit in those cases could not be paid because the claim fell outside the 12 months' deadline for backdated applications, equivalent special payments would be made.

The result of investigations into the 6,000 claims made elsewhere in the country are not yet available.

The department faced thousands of claims earlier this year after the Social Security Commissioners ruled that a former employee of the British Ship–builders subsidiary, Vosper Thornycroft in Southampton, was entitled to 13 weeks' benefit because his redundancy payment did not include 13 weeks wages in lieu of notice.

Champions level as Karpov resigns

Anatoly Karpov, the challenger, resigned the fourth game of his title duel yesterday with the world champion, Gary Kasparov, without resuming play in the adjourned position.

Kasparov's victory levels the match score at two points each.

After his loss in the second game, Kasparov has regained the psychological initiative. The Spanish commentator and chess expert, Sr Leontxo Garcia, said: "He scored a fine technical win, and his characteristic pride and energy have won through over the nerves he was exhibiting earlier."

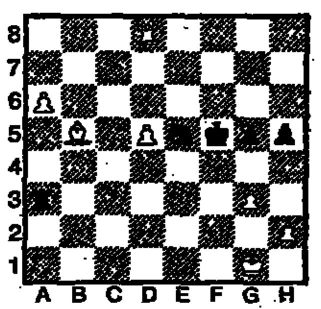
Playing white, Kasparov, aged 24, had sealed his 41st move on Monday night, two pawns ahead in an endgame.

The chief arbiter, Mr Gert Gijssen, of Holland, announced Kasparov's sealed move was Rd8.

Overnight analysis of the position had convinced experts that Karpov's chances of holding a draw were hopeless.

But expectations that Karpov, aged 36, would resign before play restarted yesterday led to scenes of confusion in the press room of the Lope de Vega theatre in Seville where the world championship match began on October 12.

Just before noon, it was announced that Karpov had resigned the game.



The final positions

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1 c4	Nf6	22 Bh3	Nf8
2 Nc3	e5	23 Rsf3	Qe5
3 Nf3	Nc6	24 d4	Qe4
4 g3	Bb4	25 Qxe4	Rxe4
5 Bg2	0-0	White	Black
6 0-0	e4	26 Rxd7	Rxe3
7 Ng5	Bxc3	27 d5	Rae8
8 bxc3	Re8	28 Rxb7	cxd5
9 f3	exf3	29 cxd5	R3e7
10 Nxf3	Qe7	30 Rfb1	h5
11 e3	Ne5	31 a4	g5
12 Nd4	Nd3	32 Bf5	Kg7
13 Qe2	Nxc1	33 a5	Kf6
14 Raxc1	d6	34 Bd3	Rxb7
15 Rf4	c6	35 Rxb7	Re3
16 Rcf1	Qe5	36 Bb5	Rxc3
17 Qd3	Bd7	37 Rxa7	Ng6
18 Rf5	[illegible]	38 Rd7	Ne5
19 Rd5	Qe6	39 [illegible]	[illegible]
20 Qc4	[illegible]	40 a6	[illegible]
21 Qb4	Nd7	41 Rd8	Karpov resigns.

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Girl gives evidence in sex assault case from behind screen

A girl aged 13 yesterday became the first child in England to give evidence against alleged child molesters without the ordeal of facing the accused in court.

In spite of a specially-built screen to shield her from seeing three men accused of attacking her and other elaborate precautions taken in court, the girl wept when asked to describe what had happened.

As she sobbed she was given water and hugged by a social worker sitting next to her. After a few minutes she managed to continue.

The judge and lawyers in the case, at the Central Criminal Court, had removed their traditional wigs and gowns before the girl came into court.

She is the first of five children, aged between seven and 13, who will give evidence in the alleged child sexual abuse case brought against two brothers and a third man. They have denied the charges.

When Mrs Patricia May, for the prosecution, sat next to the teenager and asked what happened just before she stopped living at home, the girl broke down in tears.

Gradually she recovered and said she had gone out to babysit. Instead she was taken out by two men who had visited two public houses and had given her wine.

When they returned to the flat she was given more wine, she said, and one of them asked her to undress.

She said she did and sat between them on a sofa but could not remember much about what had happened. One of them, she said, had touched her private parts and hurt her.

In a whisper, she said she had fallen asleep on the sofa but remembered waking up to find a dog licking her face.

Mrs May asked whether anything like that had happened to her before. "Take a deep breath and tell us if you can what they had done to you?" Mrs May asked.

One of the doctors at the centre of the Cleveland child sexual abuse controversy wanted "the recognition of being the person who had brought this to the attention of the world", a police inspector said yesterday.

Mr Colin Makepeace, a community relations officer, was giving evidence at the official inquiry into the dis- [illegible] Middlesbrough.

[illegible] said he believed Dr [illegible] Higgs of Middlesbrough General Hospital and Mrs Sue Richardson, Cleveland Council's child abuse consultant, were "not acting in the best interests of the children concerned".

The inquiry continues today.

But the girl replied: "I cannot say at all".

In obvious distress, she wrung her hands and rocked gently as the social worker comforted her. Mrs May asked the girl if she would find it easier to use some dolls in court to point out what had happened.

When the girl declined, Mrs May asked if she could write it down. There was no reply, but eventually she began to give details of other alleged abuse.

The girl said that after the babysitting incident she remembered being back in her own home screaming. "I was screaming for my mum's best friend next door. Then I remember hugging her."

As she continued to give details of further alleged abuse, Mrs May asked how she felt when the men got her to do those things.

The girl answered: "Scared and I felt of myself that I was disgusting".

The girl was asked more details of allegations that two of the defendants had sexual intercourse with her and had sexually assaulted her while her stepfather, the third man in the case, aided and abetted in an indecent act.

Mr Peter Hunt, for the defence, asked the girl if she was given money for doing "these things" and she said one of the brothers had given her about £1, which she had spent on soft drinks. She denied ever asking for money.

Her stepsister, aged nine, was the second child to give evidence.

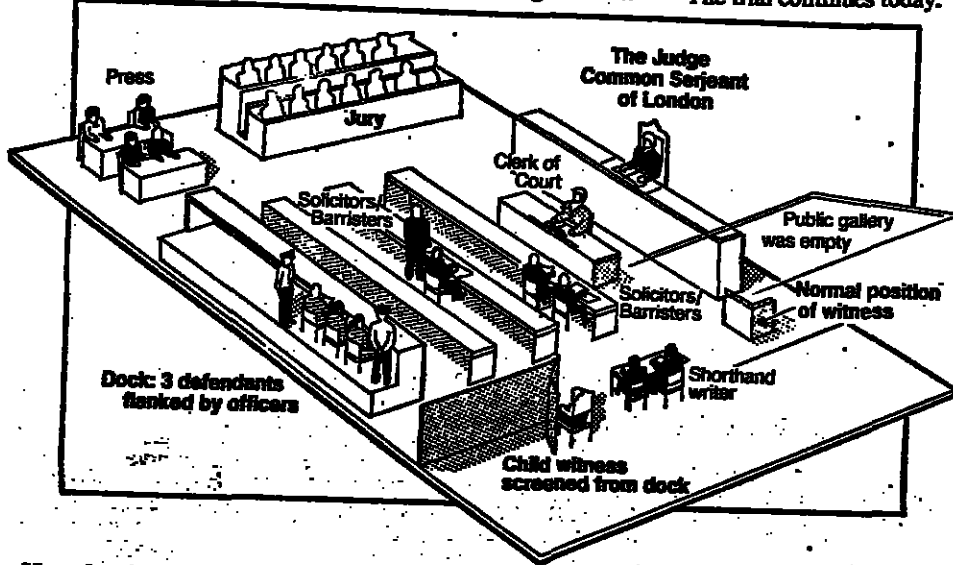
Fully-clothed anatomically correct dolls were shown to her and she pointed out where she had allegedly been touched by one of the defendants.

Mrs May told the judge that "perhaps understandably" the girl had not been able to bring herself to answer some of the explicit questions on what had happened to her.

Judge Pigot said he did not think it was helping the girl, who began sobbing.

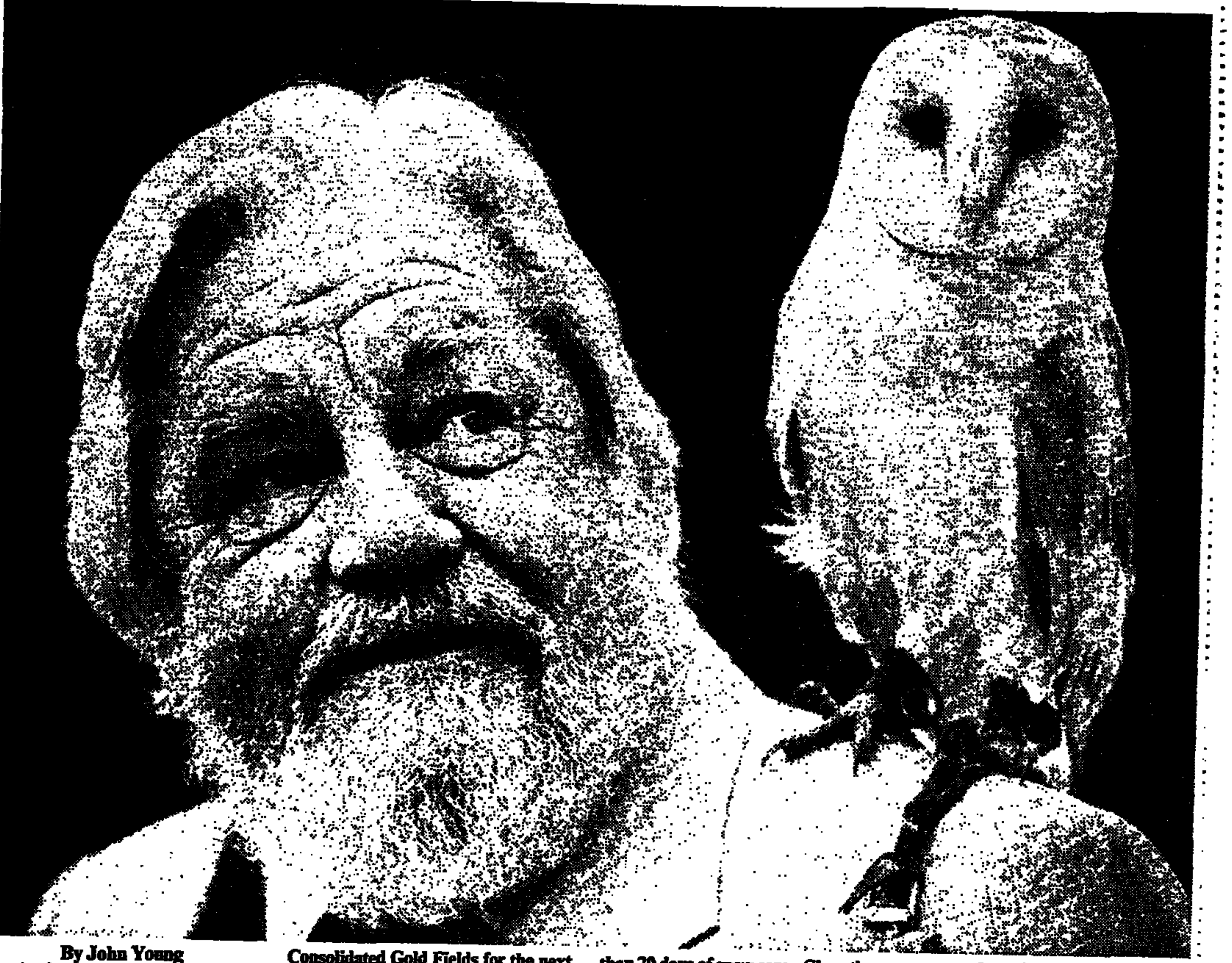
She left the court in obvious distress.

The trial continues today.



How the girl was shielded at the Central Criminal Court yesterday from the accused.

Modern life is killing off the barn owl



By John Young
Agriculture Correspondent

Harder winters and modern farming are killing off Britain's barn owls, and a national campaign to reverse the decline was launched yesterday by the Hawk Trust.

The campaign, spearheaded by two leading naturalists, Sir David Attenborough and Mr Gerald Durrell, joined here by an alert specimen, has been promised £15,000 a year by Consolidated Gold Fields for the next three years.

A survey conducted between 1982 and 1985 by Mr Colin Shawyer, concludes that the two main reasons for the decline are changes in weather and farming methods. The only other survey was made in 1932, since when the owl population has fallen by 70 per cent to 5,200 breeding pairs.

In the first forty years of this century, only one winter had more than 20 days of snow cover. Since then 21 winters have reached this level, depriving the owls of the small rodents on which they prey.

The disappearance of the farm horse and its feed, has also reduced rodents and thus, indirectly, the barn owl.

More intensive farming has removed hedgerows and rough grassland in which barn owls hunt and between 3,000 and 5,000 are estimated to have been killed by traffic. Death from the consumption of poisoned rodents is also an increasing threat.

The campaigners hope to recreate corridors of grassland habitat between existing owl communities. Sir David says: "Surely the barn owl is one of those species that we should treasure."

(Photograph: Chris Harris)

The Barn Owl in the British Isles — its Past, Present and Future. The Hawk Trust, Freepost, Beckenham, Kent. £6.95.

'Wayward' typhoon hit ship

By Rodney Cowton
Transport Correspondent

The prudent efforts of a ship's captain to save his vessel may have been defeated because a "rogue" typhoon did not behave in the expected way, an expert said yesterday.

Captain James de Coverly, a principal nautical surveyor at the Department of Transport, was speaking at the official inquiry into the disappearance of the bulk carrier, Derbyshire, south of Japan in September 1980, with the loss of 44 lives.

He said Captain Geoffrey Underhill, of the Derbyshire, had altered course when still several hundred miles from the typhoon, to pass ahead of it. On the information available to him, Captain Underhill had been wise to take action. However, the typhoon did not follow the usual path.

Captain de Coverly said standard reference works declared ships should avoid getting within 50 to 75 miles of a typhoon. He considered this distance should be increased.

The inquiry also took brief evidence from Mr Peter Ridyard, whose son was an officer in the Derbyshire. He said he was trying to obtain steel plates from the Kowloon Bridge, a sister ship of the Derbyshire, which broke up off the south coast of Ireland last year, to see whether they show the defects as in the Derbyshire.

The hearing continues.

Rail disaster

Train used to check bridge

By Craig Seton and Ruth Gledhill

British Rail yesterday defended the use of a passenger train to carry out safety checks on a railway bridge which collapsed into a flooded river, killing four people, in south Wales on Monday.

As engineers began checking 200 other railway bridges in flood-prone areas of south and west Wales yesterday, senior officials of British Rail confirmed that no checks had been carried out on the safety of the bridge at Glan Rhyd, Dyfed, after flood warnings the previous night.

The 5.20am from Swansea to Shrewsbury, carrying six passengers, was the first train of the day on the central Wales line over the bridge. Also on board were a permanent way inspector and a customer services manager to check the condition of the track.

The driver and three passengers died when the first carriage plunged into the Towy.

Mr Robert Pointer, British Rail's regional operations manager, said at the scene of the disaster yesterday that there had been no check on the 130 year old masonry piers supporting the bridge before the train ran. British Rail engineers believed that at the time the train began to cross the 240ft long bridge, the river had risen to within two inches of the the superstructure.

Mr Ken Bailey, aged 68, of Llandeilo, Dyfed, who survived the accident, said: "The train should never have run. Someone should have checked the line first, using a helicopter if necessary."

Yesterday Mr Peter Walker, the Secretary of State for Wales, flew over the scene by helicopter. Later, he said that stricken areas in south Wales would receive the same 75 per cent relief already agreed for areas hit by the hurricane in southern England.

After touring Kent yesterday, Mr Michael Howard, Minister of State for Local Government at the Department of the Environment, said the Government will look sympathetically at the plight of local councils forced above their annual spending limit by storm repairs.

Local councillors had told him that the emergency funding arrangements activated by the Government on Monday do not go far enough.

● The tail end of the gales claimed a further victim yesterday when rescuers gave up their search for the skipper of a fishing boat which sank off Chichester West Sussex. Mr Ian Reeve, aged 35, of Golf Links Lane, Selsey, disappeared on Monday night in the 26ft lobster boat The Girl Maureen. His crewman, Mr Michael Blackford, aged 23, of Newfield Road, Selsey, found clinging to wreckage six hours later and is recovering in hospital.

A boy died with three others when a train plunged into a flood-swollen river after he insisted on getting to school in time for his first lesson, his sister said yesterday.

Miss Andrea Penny, aged 20, said her brother, Simon, aged 14, refused when she suggested that he take a later train.

He was a pupil at Llandovery College, Dyfed, 12 miles from Glanrhyd, where the first of two carriages of the train plunged from a collapsed railway bridge into the Towy on Monday morning.

The bodies of the four victims were recovered by divers yesterday.

Miss Penny, speaking in Swansea, where her family lives, said her brother got up before dawn to catch the 5.20am train from Swansea to Shrewsbury. He had been boarding at the private college for two weeks, returning each weekend.

The boy's parents were told of his death in Saudi Arabia, where his father works as a doctor. They were flying home yesterday.

The two other passengers who died were Mr Benjamin Evans, aged 63, and his wife, Patricia, aged 60, from Ammanford, Dyfed.

The fourth victim was Mr John Churchill, aged 58, the train driver, who lived at Black Mill, near Bridgend, Mid-Glamorgan.

Portfolio —Gold—

The £4,000 prize in *The Times* Portfolio Gold competition is shared between an actor from London and the headmaster of a Yorkshire school.

Mr David Monico, from Shepherds Bush, west London, nearly neglected to check his card because of the many minus scores on this week's stock market.

Mr Monico, aged 49, said he had just completed an extension to his home in Becklow Road, so the cash had come at an opportune moment. Any left over would go into shares when the market staged a recovery.

He is looking forward to a season at Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex, where he will be playing in *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and *Noises Off*.

The other winner is Mr David Miller, headmaster of Woodhouse Grove School, a co-educational independent boarding and day school in Bradford.

He and his wife Kathleen, who has just celebrated a birthday, have two daughters, Valerie and Jenny, and a son, Peter, who is following in his father's footsteps to Balliol College, Oxford.

Mr Miller, who teaches chemistry, has been headmaster for 15 years.

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Inquiry call on speedboat crash helmets

A coroner yesterday called for an investigation into the wearing of crash helmets by speedboat crews.

Mr Keith Chesterton, the Isle of Wight coroner, recorded verdicts of accidental death on three Frenchmen whose powerboat overturned in the wash of an oil tanker at more than 100mph.

The inquest was told that the accident, in the 175-mile Needles Race on August 23, killed Didier Pironi, aged 35, the former French racing driver; Bernard Giroux, aged 38, a journalist, and Jean Claude Guenard, aged 42, an engineer.

Group Captain David Glaister, a member of the British Standards Institute, told the inquest that the helmets the men were wearing flew off before impact.

Murder jury is told of accused man's disgust

A man accused of five murders told a jury yesterday that he was "numb and disgusted" at the part he had played in the raid on the house of the wealthy Cleaver family.

Asked by his counsel at Winchester Crown Court, Mr Anthony Palmer, QC, to describe the night when four people were burned alive and a fifth was raped and strangled, Mr George Daly said that he went to sit down in a bedroom next to the one where Mrs Wendy Cleaver was allegedly being raped by another of the accused, Mr George Stephenson.

"At that stage I was numb and disgusted with what had happened", he said.

"Are you still disgusted with yourself?" Mr Palmer asked.

Mr Daly replied: "Yes, very".

He said that he had no idea anyone would be killed in the house at Fordingbridge, Hampshire, and the rape "wasn't supposed to happen".

Mr Daly said that he later threw a burning firelighter into the petrol-soaked bedroom where four members of the Cleaver family lay, after Mr Stephenson said they were all dead. He now realized that they had still been alive.

Mr Daly, aged 25, his brother John, aged 21, of Deedmore Road, Coventry, and Mr Stephenson, of Elgar Road, Coventry, deny murdering Joseph Cleaver, his wife Hilda, their son Thomas, his wife Wendy, and Mrs Cleaver's nurse Margaret Murphy. Mr Stephenson and Mr George Daly also deny rape and robbery, which John Daly has admitted.

The case continues today.

Degas painting may fetch £4m at London sale

By Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

Christie's is to sell one of Edgar Degas's great paintings in London on November 30. It is "Les Blanchisseuses" or "The Laundry Maids", possibly the best version of a subject he made famous, and the auction house is hailing it as "the most important oil painting by the artist to appear on the market since the war", with an estimate in excess of £4 million.

The painting arrived in London after a nail-biting interlude while the French authorities held it in customs. "As it's a masterpiece, they obviously wanted to think very hard about letting it go", said Mr James Roundell of Christie's, adding that France already had a version of the subject at the Musee D'Orsay in Paris.

Degas painted the young women — one ironing as the other takes a break with a stretch and a yawn — between 1874 and 1876. He horrified the establishment by portraying the coarser side of life, but to Degas his subjects were as beautiful as they were true. "Everything is beautiful in this world of people", he said to his friend, James Tissot.

The painting was originally sold to the French baritone Jean Baptiste Faure, who soon sold it to Paul Durand-Ruel, the far-sighted Parisian dealer who championed the Impressionists. He in turn sold it to a New York collector in 1893, only to buy it back two years later. The fact that it has remained in the family's collection to this day gives the painting extra appeal: the perfect watertight provenance. It is being sold by Mr and Mrs Philippe Durand-Ruel, who will use the money to buy contemporary art.

As is the fashion these days, the painting will be displayed in New York and Tokyo before the auction. "We expect interest from the major museums of the world", said Mr Roundell. The most likely British contender is the National Gallery, which already represents a wide range of Degas subjects.

Mr James Roundell with the Degas, "Les Blanchisseuses" (Photograph: Ros Drinkwater).

● Sotheby's completes its current spate of house sales today by selling the final contents at Mount Juliet in Co Kilkenny, Ireland. Buoyed yesterday by a fair turn-out of London and Paris dealers, the auction house raised £1.3 million.

The top two lots — both seventeenth century landscapes with animals by Melchior de Hondecoeter — fetched £164,439, and were both bought by the New York Newhouse Gallery.

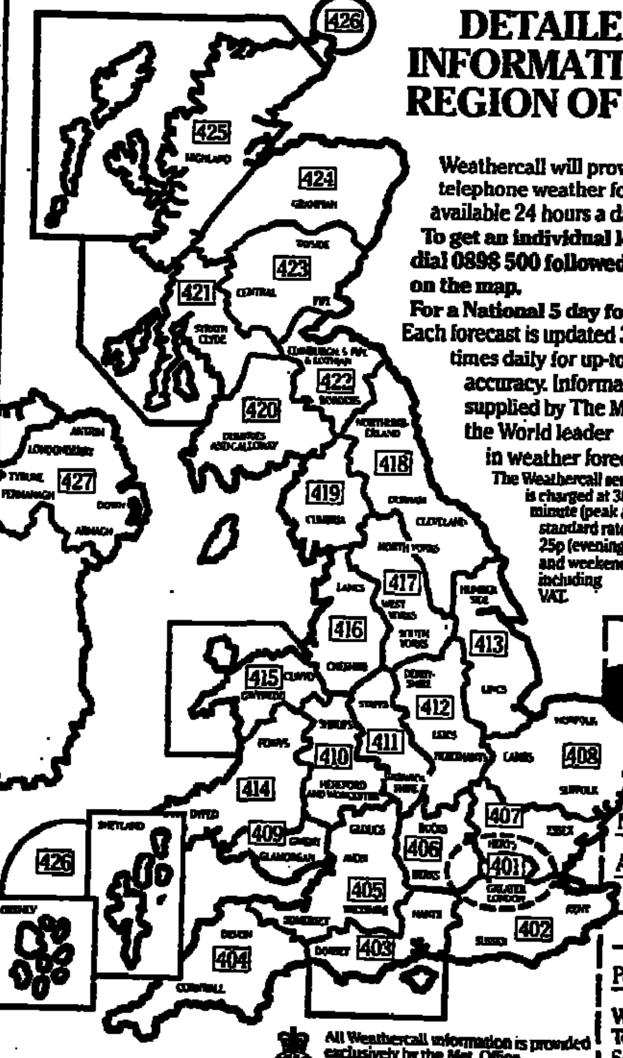
Colnaghi of Bond Street was very active, including a Haarlem street scene by Isaac Ouwater for £29,898 and a breezy picture of a hawking party by Anton Querfurt for £20,979 among its purchases, while their neighbours, Partridge Fine Art, spent £39,864 on a Louis XV kingwood and marquetry table, and £29,898 on a George III giltwood mirror.

Meanwhile, Christie's has completed its sale of Kitley House in Devon with a total of £781,954. A set of early Victorian chairs went for £6,050 (estimate £400 to £600) and a magic lantern estimated at £50 to £100 fetched £1,000.

On Monday, the Swedish artist Anders Zorn (1860-1920) broke the auction records for both his homeland and for his own paintings at Bukowski's auction house in Stockholm.

First, his painting of a ruddy nude contemplating a swim at the island of Dalaro fetched £700,000, a record for any item sold in Sweden.

Then his painting of the tenor Jean-Baptiste Faure fetched £400,000, a record for a portrait in Scandinavia, and four times above its estimate. Both paintings were bought by Swedes.



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PARLIAMENT

Tribute paid to Soames

Peers paid warm tributes to Lord Soames, former leader of the House of Lords, who died during the summer recess.

Lord Whitelaw, Leader of the House, said that the presence of the television cameras in the Lords owed much to his initiative.

"He was a big man in every sense of the word. There was nothing small or small-minded about him. He gave generously of his friendships for he had a big heart."

Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, Leader of the Labour Peers, praised his short but historic tenure in Rhodesia. Mr Robert Mugabe's presence at his funeral was a fitting tribute to his service there.

New peers

Lord Cocks of Hartcliffe, formerly Mr Michael Cocks, Labour Chief Whip from 1976 to 1979, was introduced.

Lord Rippon of Hexham, formerly Mr Geoffrey Rippon, a Conservative Secretary of State for the Environment from 1972 to 1974, was also introduced.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Public Utility Transfers and Charges Bill second reading. Scottish Development Agency Bill, second reading. Lords (2.30): Debate on the inner cities.

SDP peer attacks extradition proposal in Bill

The Government's proposals on extradition in the Criminal Justice Bill came under attack from an SDP peer.

He said that it would completely undermine safeguards for alleged offenders.

The Bill was being discussed in committee in the Lords as the first business after the end of the summer recess.

Lord Hutchinson of Lullington (SDP) moved an amendment to prevent the United Kingdom from consenting to the prosecution of a returned offender for any offence not covered by the extradition itself.

He did not want states requesting extradition on some trumped-up charge so that they could then charge the alleged offender with something more serious or quite different. As the Bill stood, it gave the Home Secretary a power that would completely undermine safeguards.

HOUSE OF LORDS

Lord Caithness: Rule must not be too inflexible.

Under the Bill, people could already be extradited without any judicial review of the evidence and without someone appearing before a court other than one that would simply rubber stamp the Home Secretary's arrangement with another government.

The Earl of Caithness, Minister of State, Home Office, said that it would be too inflexible a rule if a requesting state were prevented from prosecuting a fugitive for a serious crime that came to light after he had been extradited.

One safeguard, anyway, was that any new offence brought forward must be an extraditable crime itself. There was a safeguard in regard to fugitives being extradited for political offences, too.

Britain was the most important country not to have ratified the European Convention of Extradition, the principal extradition arrangement within Western Europe. That was proving a big stumbling-block in Britain's negotiations with European countries to prevent people committing crimes and hopping easily from one country to another. The Bill would enable Britain to ratify the convention "so that we will no longer be the black sheep of Europe".

Lord Mishcon, for the Opposition, said that he would rather maintain Britain's tradition of being the "white sheep" of Europe in protecting the liberty of the individual and was glad to be the "black sheep" as far as the ratification of the convention was concerned.

Lord Hutchinson intervened to say that successive governments had steadfastly refused to ratify the convention which turned extradition into a purely administrative act.

The amendment was withdrawn after peers suggested that it was better to deal with it after the principle of extradition without prima facie evidence had been decided.

Call to defer sales

The Government was urged during questions in the Lords to defer privatization of the water and electricity industries until problems with British Telecom were sorted out.

The appeal came from **Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos**, leader of the Labour peers, who asked for confirmation that the Government was concerned about the widespread dissatisfaction of the consumer with the performance of BT since it was privatized.

Addressing Lord Beaverbrook, he asked: "Will he say precisely what the Government proposes to do to allay this dissatisfaction?"

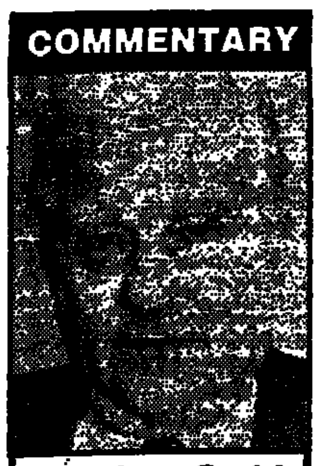
Lord Beaverbrook, for the Government, replied that the Director-General of Communications had sufficient powers to enforce the rigorous provisions of BT's licence.

Earlier, facing criticism of BT from Opposition peers, he said that before privatization it was very rare for customers to get any reply to complaints.

Lord Dean of Beswick (Lab) said that the main objective of privatizing BT was to give the customer a better all-round service.Bearing in mind the recent very adverse report from Oftel, did the Government expect BT to reach the objectives set out in the Telecommunications Act, 1984?

Lord Beaverbrook replied that there were problems to be tackled. BT saw them as a high priority.

COMMENTARY



Geoffrey Smith

When Parliament resumes today it would be natural to assume that members are simply continuing where they left off in July. But there have been some subtle changes in the political landscape since they went on holiday.

I am not thinking of the Stock Exchange crash. That will surely have some political effect, though it is too soon to be clear what it will be. In times of trouble, however, there is an instinct to huddle round mother. So I doubt if it will diminish the Government's dominance.

That has even been enhanced by the party conference season. The Conservative conference may have been less than exciting for political observers. It may have been less bold in its thinking than some would have wished. But as a party political operation it was entirely successful because it conveyed the impression of a united party supporting an Administration that knew what it wanted to do.

All the other conferences had a very different effect upon their respective parties. They were preoccupied with their internal affairs and they increased the strains within them. That raises the possibility that the Government may face even less effective opposition in this Parliament than in the last one.

The fratricidal tendency was most evident at the SDP conference, which provided fine entertainment for outside observers but deep depression for the participants. The Liberals at Harrogate were less bitter, but were still looking inwards in the sense of concentrating on their relationship with the SDP.

It will, I believe, be better for both of them in the long run if they are able to merge. But there is the obvious danger that the difficult process of coming together will so absorb their energies that for a while they will contribute less effectively to the national debate, especially in Parliament.

That inevitable risk has been compounded by the change in the SDP leadership. I have considerable admiration for the way in which Mr MacLennan has handled his task since taking over from Dr Owen. But it would be a pleasant surprise if he proved anything like as effective a parliamentary performer.

The main task of opposition, however, rests with Labour. In the last Parliament the party often gave the impression that its energies were directed more outside the House. It was in the constituencies that individual members had to fight their reselection battles and where the party could prepare for action in their target seats.

Now there is some sign of a change in priorities. The Shadow Cabinet decided last week to concentrate on mobilizing Labour strength at Question Time and in the key debates rather than in the division lobbies where they are usually bound to lose.

That suggests that the party will be concerned above all to win the argument in Parliament. That would be a sensible approach.

There will be some opportunities to defeat the Government in the lobbies as its controversial legislation on education and the community charge comes before the House. The report stage on both these Bills should be particularly interesting, as will their passage through the Lords.

But the key test for any government with such a large majority is whether it can preserve a psychological ascendancy to match its voting strength. This Government did so in the last Parliament. So far it has done so in this. Whether it can continue to do so will be the critical question for the remainder of this session.

Scientists promise to help 'refusenik'

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A campaign for the release of Dr Victor Faermark, a Russian scientist detained in 1971, was launched in Cambridge last night.

He is the longest-term "refusenik" among those for whom the Scientists for the Release of Soviet Refuseniks organization hopes to gain permission to emigrate.

At a meeting at King's College, Cambridge, arranged by Dr Aaron Klug, a Nobel Prize winner and director of the Medical Research Council's laboratory of molecular biology, leading scientists agreed to work for the release of the refuseniks.

The organization to free Soviet scientists is supported by many other British Nobel Prize winners, including Sir George Porter, president of the Royal Society, Professor Brian Josepheson, a physicist, Professor Antony Hewish, an astronomer, and Professor Max Perutz and Dr Cesar Milstein, molecular biochemists.

Dr Jonathan Sutton, one of the campaign organizers, said the new Soviet policy of glasnost, or openness, had made little difference to the plight of such scientists as Dr Faermark, and thousands of others.

He said they were excluded when the Soviet authorities indicated recently a willingness to release about 11,000 refuseniks.They were victims of a catch-all rule denying emigration to anyone who might have had access to state secrets.

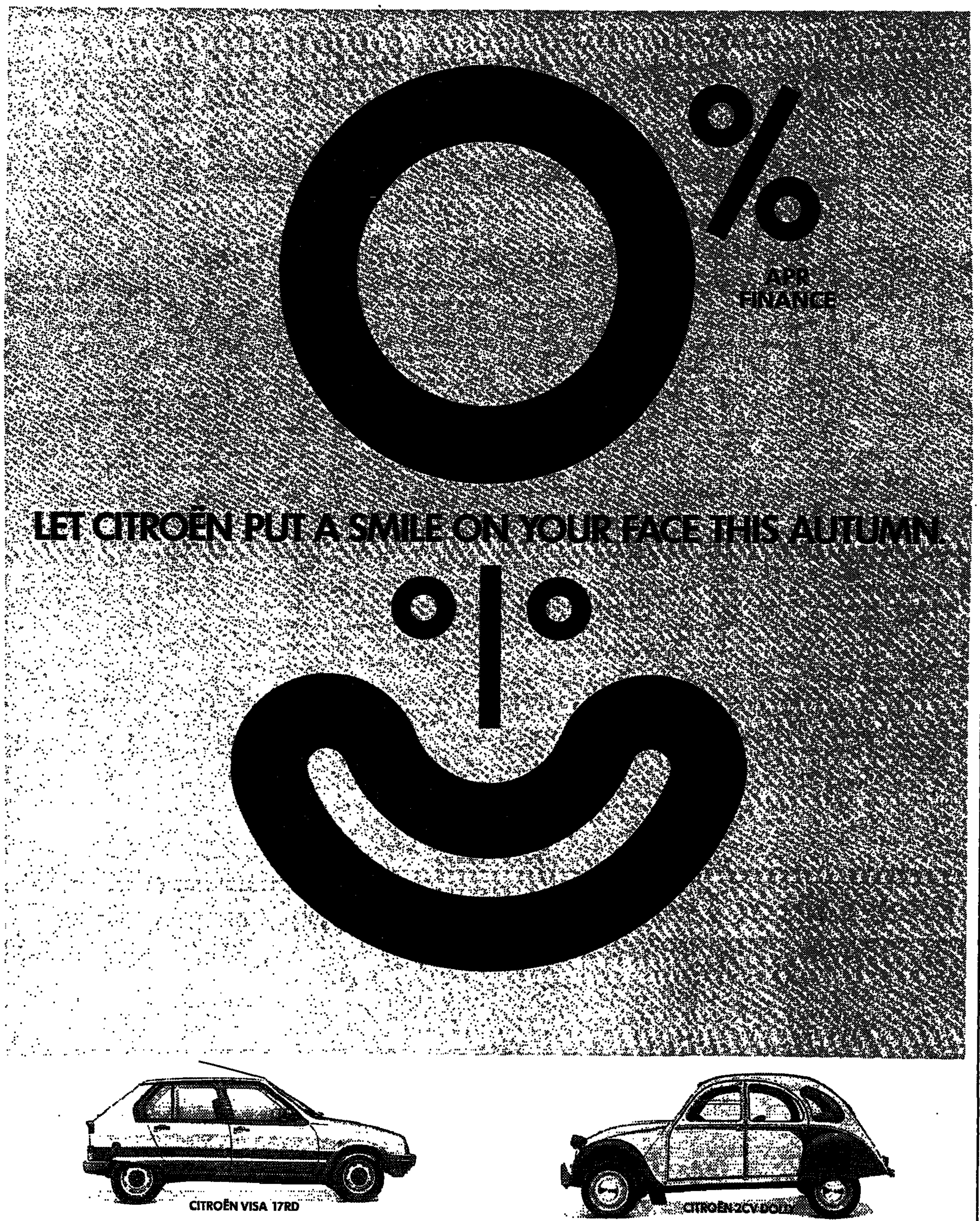
Experience in working for the release of Dr Ida Nudel, the economist, and such other computer specialists and mathematicians as Professor Armen Khatchaturyan and Dr Boris Klotz, made it clear that the Soviet definition of "state secret" was very wide.

The organization is taking advice from former refuseniks and launching a telephone campaign. Prominent British scientists will place direct personal calls to the director of a particular refusenik's place of work or institute and will ask what prevents the refusenik from obtaining an exit visa.

Dr Sutton said the release of Dr Andrei Sakharov and one or two other well-publicized cases had gone some way to persuading western governments that the Soviet Union was observing the Helsinki Agreement on Human Rights.

Dr Faermark, is aged 45 and did research in physical chemistry at one of the leading institutes of the Soviet Academy of Sciences. As soon as he applied to emigrate in 1971, he was removed from his job and subsequently refused permission because he was "in possession of state secrets".

He has done no scientific research in the past 16 years, and works mainly as an engineer on large ventilation projects, principally for railway stations and depots.



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Aids research may benefit sufferers of multiple sclerosis

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

The huge sums being spent on Aids research may produce spin-off benefits for sufferers of multiple sclerosis, according to a report published today.

About 100,000 people in Britain suffer from the chronic disabling disease, which led to the death on Monday of Miss Jacqueline du Pré, the former leading cellist, at the age of 42.

Up to 1,000 people a year die from the condition, which affects almost twice as many women as men. The highest mortality is among the middle-aged and elderly and the cost to the health service was more than £18 million last year, the report from the Office of Health Economics says.

The causes of multiple sclerosis are unknown, but some researchers believe that an Aids-type virus which affects the body's immune system could be involved. Mr Bernie O'Brien, a research fellow at Brunel University and author of the report, said yesterday: "The illness remains an enigma and a challenge to medical scientists, but there are good reasons to hope for a breakthrough.

"The most likely explanation is that multiple sclerosis is caused either directly by some viral infection of unknown origin or that indirectly such a virus provokes the body's immune system to attack itself.

"There are some obvious parallels to be drawn between multiple sclerosis and Aids. If an Aids-type virus is involved, then the millions of pounds currently being invested in Aids research may provide some valuable spin-off knowledge."

The report says that improvements in diagnosis have been achieved through the use of the latest medical technology, including magnetic resonance imaging. There is, however, still no proven effective treatment and many sufferers have resorted to fringe treatments such as snake venom or hyperbaric oxygen (HBO).

The idea that HBO could be beneficial arose from its success in treating deep-sea divers suffering from "the bends", the decompression sickness that can inflict damage to the central nervous system similar to that caused by multiple sclerosis. Patients with multiple sclerosis undergoing HBO therapy breathe pure oxygen from a face mask while sitting in a pressure chamber.

The report says that "the vast majority of evidence from trials of HBO suggests that it has no beneficial impact on the disease". Two scientific studies published in the past two years concluded that there was "no clinically important or significant benefit", but the report acknowledges that multiple sclerosis sufferers may nevertheless believe they have been helped by HBO. "To some extent the simple bringing together of patients into a group necessary for HBO will aid communication and lift spirits.

"When doctors can offer little by way of treatment, it is perhaps not surprising that many multiple sclerosis sufferers are prepared to put their faith in new ideas which, although they may not carry the full scientific stamp of approval, may offer some hope."

Venom from the cobra, viper and other snakes is also used by some sufferers who claim they have benefited from it. Advocates of its use believe that the venom attacks the nervous system in a way similar to multiple sclerosis.

Multiple Sclerosis (Office Of Health Economics, 12 Whitehall, London SW1A 2DY; £1.00).

Mini-sub up for air after first sea trials

The Marlin S1, a two-man midget submarine, starting its first sea trials at Plymouth yesterday with its designer, Mr Paul Moorhouse, at the controls.

The mini submararine, seen here surfacing in Sutton Harbour marina, is expected to go on the market for £60,000.

The boat, which is a scale model of wartime submarines almost 10 times bigger at 300ft, is likely to appeal to wreck hunters, people filming cables on the sea bed or to rich eccentrics.

One of the crew sits upright with a view through a cylindrical viewport on top while the second lies below.

Mr Moorhouse believes the controls are sufficiently simple for owners to master within a week.

The four-tonne submarine has attracted nationwide attention and its diesel-electric engine and equipment is surprisingly cheap to run with costs estimated at £5 a day.

Mr Moorhouse, a former Rolls-Royce engineer, plans to go into full production if the idea catches on and he is believed to be pleased with the performance during the sea trials.

The Marlin S1 has a range of up to 300 miles on the surface and submerged to a maximum of 300 feet can travel 10 miles at full speed or 15 at a slower rate.

For 18 months Mr Moorhouse has been working on the submarine project in a workshop he previously used for the production of kit cars (Photograph: Nick Rogers).

Moore warns UN on tackling virus

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Britain warned other countries yesterday not to go it alone in tackling Aids.

Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Social Services, told the General Assembly of the United Nations in New York that any attempt to isolate a country from the disease would require "draconian measures" including rigid control of the population and severely curtailed contact with other nations.

Mr Moore, in the first address to the General Assembly by a British health minister, promised Britain's full support for World Health Organization efforts on Aids.

He said: "If individual countries take action without any regard to what others are doing, the international response to the problem will be less effective. There could be wasteful duplication in some fields and inadequate action in others."

There were, he said, three traps to be avoided in tackling Aids. The first was for nations to pretend that Aids was not a threat in their own country and that all they had to do was wait while others solved the problem. "Aids is a problem for all of us. All countries will be affected by it in one way or another".

The second was to expend energy in arguing about where the infection came from. "The question is no doubt of some scientific interest. But governments' concern must be with the much more urgent issue of how to tackle the infection."

The most dangerous trap was to try to isolate countries from Aids. "Even if this were possible, which for the great majority of countries must be very doubtful, to sustain such a self-imposed quarantine would require the most draconian measures.

"These would have to involve not only rigid controls over one's own population, but also severely curtailing contacts between them and those of other countries." This would have a devastating impact on relations between countries, let alone on trade and travel links.

Mr Moore said that the United Kingdom had contributed $5.5 million (£3.2 million) to the World Health Organization Special Programme on Aids and was giving $2.5 million to the International Planned Parenthood Federation for Aids work.

Pit strike 'nerve centre' renamed

By David Walker, Public Administration Correspondent

The unit that moved squads of police around the country during the miners' strike has been given a new name, to clear up "public misunderstanding" about its status.

The unit, the National Reporting Centre was criticized during the dispute because it appeared to answer to no one.

Civil libertarians and local government councillors objected to its powers to move large numbers of officers across the country with minimal reference to elected police authorities. The unit is set up only during an emergency.

A confidential draft circular from the Home Office says the unit is being renamed the Mutual Aid Co-ordination Centre because, the circular says, it appeared considerable confusion arose from the title of the reporting centre.

The question of who pays for mutual aid between police forces is still being negotiated between Civil Servants and local authorities.

However, in what is intended to be the first full statement of the unit's legal and administrative status, the Home Office has made a conciliatory gesture towards police authorities by insisting that in future chief constables make more information available about its operations.

The Mutual Aid Co-ordination Centre, like its predecessor, will be based at Scotland Yard. It will be activated and controlled by whichever chief constable is the president of the Association of Chief Police Officers, not by the Home Office. The Home Secretary has the power to compel police forces to lend each other assistance if voluntary arrangements break down.

The usual form of support supplied through the co-ordination centre will be Police Support Units with a standard size of one inspector, two sergeants and 20 constables. Chief constables will be expected to provide daily situation reports giving details of their capacity to supply units.

The county councils are generally happy with the Home Office draft but unhappy at lack of progress on arrangements for paying for police. The Association of County Councils has asked the Home Office to give the county police authorities a better idea of how costs will be worked out when police officers are lent to another area.

Police check on image

Scotland Yard is about to launch a £100,000 study to discover whether the image of the Metropolitan Police needs to be improved and modernized (Our Crime Correspondent writes).

In the next four to six months a research team from Wolff Olins, the design and management consultants, will study police operations, asking officers and the public for their views.

The company will then report to a Scotland Yard working party on what needs to be done to project the positive side of London policing.

Changes may include a redesign of drab public areas of police stations and friendlier relations with the public in police stations.

There may be an advertising campaign to underline the positive image of the police, in the way that large public corporations publicize their overall image rather than individual products.

The study is believed to be the first on any police force in this country or abroad.

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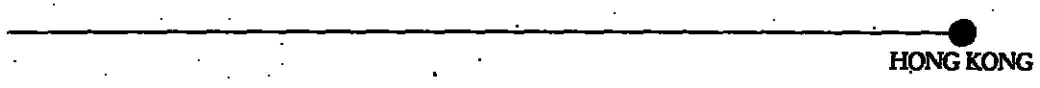

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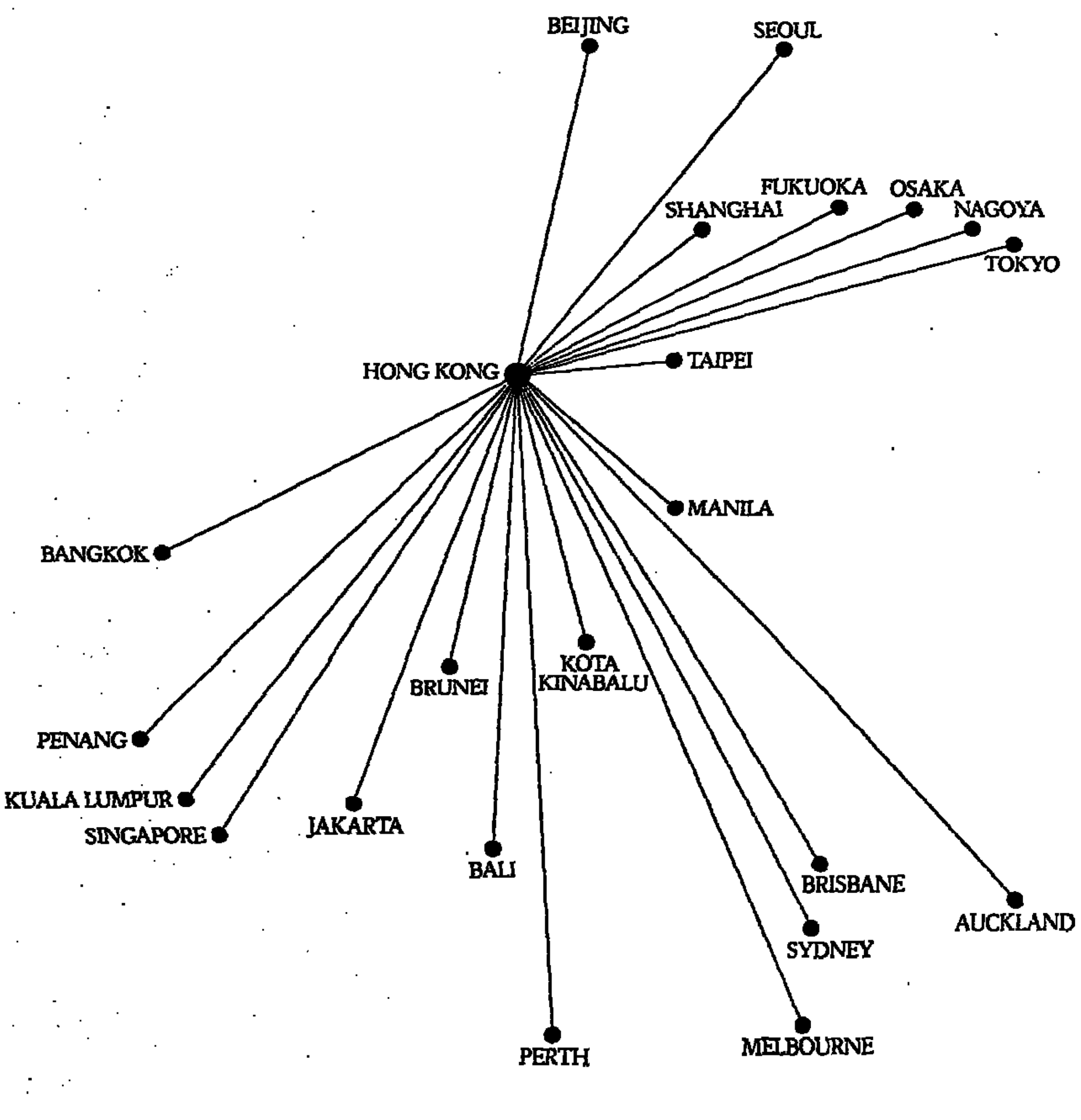

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The existing Ordinary Shares now being offered have been admitted to the Official List by the Council of The Stock Exchange. Application has been made to the Council of The Stock Exchange for the new Ordinary Shares now being offered to be admitted to the Official List. The following information should be read in conjunction with the full prospectus dated 15th October, 1987 relating to the Company, copies of which are available at clearing bank branches and post offices. In applying for shares you will be treated as applying both on the Terms and Conditions set out below and on the basis of the full prospectus, which you are advised to read before returning your application form.

APPLICATION AND INSTALMENT ARRANGEMENTS

APPLICATIONS

Applications must be received by 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 28th October, 1987 (or before close of business on Tuesday, *27th October, 1987* if the form is taken by hand to any U.K. branch of National Westminster Bank PLC, Bank of Scotland or Ulster Bank Limited). Photocopies of application forms will not be accepted in any circumstances. The right is reserved to reject, in whole or in part, any application. Once made, applications may not be withdrawn.

ALLOCATION OF SHARES

The basis of allocation of the shares is expected to be announced on Friday, 30th October, 1987.

If you are successful, in whole or in part, you will be sent a temporary document of title (a letter of acceptance) for the shares allocated to you.

If there is heavy demand for the shares, you may receive fewer shares than you apply for or, in some cases, none at all.

If your application is not accepted or is only accepted in part, you will receive (without interest) all money paid on application or a refund cheque for the balance of the money paid on application.

DEALINGS

It is expected that dealings on The Stock Exchange will commence at 2.30 p.m. on Friday, 30th October, 1987. Letters of acceptance are expected *to* be sent *to successful applicants* on Monday, 9th November, 1987. Applicants who deal before receipt of a letter of acceptance will do so at their own risk.

You will not be liable for stamp duty or stamp duty reserve tax on your application for shares. If you sell your shares, the purchaser will be liable to pay any stamp duty or stamp duty reserve tax.

FURTHER INSTALMENTS

You will be sent reminders in advance of the dates when the second and final instalments become payable. At the time the reminder is sent for the second instalment (due by 30th August, 1988) you will also be sent an Interim Certificate to replace the letter of acceptance despatched following the Combined Offer. After you have paid your final instalment (due by 27th April, 1989) you will be sent your final share certificate. If you do not pay any instalments for which you are liable, your right to the shares may be cancelled. If you sell *your shares, the purchaser will become* liable for any further instalments due (once the transfer has been registered).

SHARE BONUS ARRANGEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

If you buy shares in the Offer for Sale and continue to hold them until close of business on 31st October, 1990, you may be eligible to receive from HM Treasury, free of charge, a share bonus of one additional share for every ten such shares. The share bonus is only available if you buy shares in the Offer for Sale and not if they are bought subsequently.

Existing shareholders and members of the BP Group Participating Share Scheme do not qualify for the share bonus in respect of shares applied for on red preferential application forms.

The maximum number of bonus shares you can receive is 150 shares. Where shares are applied for jointly, the maximum number of bonus shares will remain at *150* shares, even if more than one of the joint holders is eligible.

Copies of the full terms of the share bonus arrangements will be obtainable from National Westminster Bank PLC, Registrar's Department, P.O. Box 472, Consort House, The Lombard Centre, East Street, Bristol BS99 1NW until 30th June, 1989 and thereafter from the Company at BP House, Third Avenue, Harlow, Essex CM19 5AG.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the share bonus, you must be an individual applying other than on a red preferential application form. Companies, partnerships, firms, trusts, associations and clubs are *ineligible*. In addition, your application must be made by you:

(a) solely for your own benefit, or for that of a child under 18 years of age if you are that child's parent, grandparent or guardian; or

(b) jointly, with up to three other individuals, solely for the benefit of one or more of you; or

(c) jointly with a nominee (who need not be an individual) solely for your own benefit; or

(d) jointly with a nominee (who need not be an individual) and up to two other individuals solely for the benefit of one or more of you other than the nominee.

DELIVERY OF THE BONUS SHARES

The bonus shares will be transferred to you (or, if you are a joint holder of your shares, to you and the other joint holders) as soon as reasonably practicable after 31st October, 1990 together with all rights attaching to those shares at that date. There will be no right to receive fractions of shares.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Acceptance of applications will be conditional on (i) the new Ordinary Shares being admitted to the Official List of The Stock Exchange not later than 30th November, 1987 and (ii) the Offer for Sale Underwriting Agreement referred to in paragraph 7(a) of Section 10 of the Prospectus dated 15th October, 1987 containing the listing particulars in relation to the new Ordinary Shares ("the Prospectus") having become unconditional and not being *terminated prior to such date as* HM Treasury *may* determine, being not later than 30th November, 1987. Application moneys will be returned (without interest) if either of these conditions is not satisfied and, in the meantime, if presented for payment, will be kept on behalf of HM Treasury in a separate account. Rights are reserved for HM Treasury and its agents to present for payment and otherwise process all cheques and bankers' drafts received and to have full access to all information relating to, or deriving from, such cheques, bankers' drafts and the processing thereof. The right is also reserved to treat as valid any application not in all respects completed in accordance with the instructions accompanying the relevant application form.

2. Acceptance of an application by an eligible investor will, subject to paragraph 3(c) below, entitle that investor to the share bonus on the terms referred to in Section 11 of the Prospectus.

3. By completing and delivering an application form, you:

(a) offer to purchase from HM Treasury the number of Ordinary Shares specified in your application form (or such smaller number for which the application is accepted) on the terms of, and subject to the conditions set out in, the Prospectus and the Instalment Agreement (and, in due course, subject to the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company) and agree to become a party to and be bound by all relevant provisions of the Instalment Agreement;

(b) as a collateral contract between you and HM Treasury which will become binding on despatch to or receipt by a receiving bank of your application and in consideration of HM Treasury agreeing that it will not prior to 1st December, 1987 offer any of the Ordinary Shares to any person other than by means of one of the procedures referred to in the Prospectus:

(i) agree that your application cannot be revoked prior to 1st December, 1987; and

(ii) warrant that your remittance will be honoured on first presentation and agree that any letter of acceptance and any moneys returnable may be held pending clearance of your payment and will not bear interest;

(c) (i) *warrant, if you write "yes"* in Box 4 of a public application form or apply on a blue or green application form, that you are eligible for the share bonus (eligibility is explained under "Share bonus arrangements" in Section 11 of the *Prospectus);*

(ii) agree that, if you do not write "yes" in Box 4, you will not be entitled to the share bonus even if you might otherwise qualify;

(d) warrant that you are not a U.S. or Canadian person and you are not applying on behalf of any such person;

(e) agree that all applications, acceptances of applications and contracts resulting therefrom under the Offer for Sale shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of England and you submit to the jurisdiction of the English courts;

(f) warrant that:

(i) (*if this application is made for your own benefit)* no other application (other than any application you are entitled to make on a red application form) is being made for your benefit by you or by anyone applying as your agent (other than a discretionary *Personal Equity Plan manager) or, so far as you are* aware, by a discretionary Personal Equity Plan manager or by any other person; and

(ii) (if the application is made by you as agent for, or for the benefit of, another person) no other application (other than on a red application form) for the benefit of that person is being made by you or, so far as you are aware, by that person or by any other person;

(g) if you sign the application form as agent for someone else, warrant you have due authority to do so on behalf of that other person and undertake to enclose your power of attorney or a copy thereof certified by a solicitor, where this is required by the guide to completing the application form;

(h) agree that, in respect of those Ordinary Shares for which your application has been received and processed and is not *rejected, acceptance of your application* shall be constituted, at the election of HM Treasury, either (i) by notification to The Stock Exchange of the basis of allocation (in which case such acceptance shall be on that basis) or (ii) by notification of acceptance thereof to the *relevant receiving bank;*

(i) authorise the relevant receiving bank and the Custodian Bank to procure that your name (and the name(s) of any other joint applicant(s)) is placed on the register of holders of Interim Rights in respect of such Ordinary Shares the entitlement to which has not been effectively renounced and thereafter to procure that your name (and the name(s) of any joint applicant(s)) is placed on the register of members of the Company in respect of such Ordinary Shares the right to which has not been effectively transferred (references to rights being effectively renounced mean the renouncee(s) being registered by a receiving bank in relation to such rights);

(j) agree that *all* documents in connection with the Offer for Sale (including the share bonus arrangements) and/or any returned moneys will be sent at your risk and may be sent by post to you at your address (or, in the case of joint applicants, the address of the first person) as set out in the application form or such other address as may from time to time appear in the register of holders of Interim Rights or the register of members of the Company by your name or the name of such person;

(k) (i) agree that time of payment by you shall be of the essence of each contract constituted by acceptance of your application; (ii) undertake to pay the second and final instalments *by, and (in the case of any payment of £10,000 or more) for value* not later than, 3.00 p.m. on 30th August, 1988 and 3.00 p.m. on 27th April, 1989 respectively, for each Ordinary Share in respect of which your application is accepted, the right to which has not been effectively renounced or transferred in accordance with the Instalment Agreement by you prior to the relevant time and date; and (iii) agree that failure to make any payment when due will entitle HM Treasury to avoid the contract and re-sell the Ordinary Share to someone else, in which case you will be sent (subject to adjustment in the event of a capitalisation issue) a refund, without interest, equal to 120p or 225p per Ordinary Share resold (depending on whether the default is in payment of the second or final instalment respectively), whether or not the instalment(s) already paid for it exceed(s) that amount less any loss sustained by HM Treasury determined in accordance with the Instalment Agreement. No payment of less than £2 will, *however,* be made to you;

(l) agree that HM Treasury will allocate the new Ordinary Shares entirely in the Offer for Sale (and not in any other part of the Combined Offer) and that *each successful applicant* in the Offer for Sale will receive new Ordinary Shares and existing Ordinary Shares in the same proportions (or as nearly as may be practicable) as every other such applicant;

(m) agree *that,* without prejudice to any other rights to which you may be entitled, you will not be entitled to exercise any remedy of rescission for innocent misrepresentation at any time after acceptance of your application;

(n) confirm that, in making your application, you are not relying on any information or representation in relation to The British Petroleum Company p.l.c. or the Combined Offer other than information and representations contained in the Prospectus or in the mini prospectus published in connection with the Offer for Sale taken together with the Prospectus (the "prospectuses") and accordingly you agree that no person responsible for the prospectuses shall have any liability for any such information or representation other than as aforesaid;

(o) agree promptly on request to disclose in writing to HM Treasury any information which it may request in connection with your application; and

(p) agree that any letter of acceptance and application moneys in respect of any applicant suspected to be in breach of paragraph 3(f) may be held (without interest) pending investigation.

4. References in the application forms and guides to "shareholders" or "BP shareholders" include references to members of the BP Group Participating Share Scheme. Save as aforesaid and where the *context otherwise* requires, terms defined in the Prospectus bear the same meaning when used herein or in application forms.

No person receiving this application form in any territory other than the U.K., the Channel *Islands or the Isle of Man* may treat it as constituting an invitation or offer to him nor should he in any event use it, unless in the relevant territory such an invitation and offer could lawfully be made to him without compliance with any *unfulfilled* registration or other *legal* requirements. It is the responsibility of any person outside the U.K., the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man or subject to the laws of any overseas jurisdiction receiving this application form and wishing *to make an application* hereunder to satisfy himself as to full observance of the laws of the relevant territory and to pay any transfer or other taxes requiring to be paid in such territory in respect of the shares acquired by him under the Combined Offer.

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GUIDE TO COMPLETING THE PUBLIC APPLICATION FORM

ONLY ONE APPLICATION MAY BE MADE FOR THE BENEFIT OF ANY PERSON except for any other application you are entitled to make as a shareholder on a red preferential form or an application made for your benefit but without your knowledge by a discretionary Personal Equity Plan manager.

If you have received a personalised BLUE form, you should complete that form.

If you are already a shareholder you may also apply on the RED form sent to you.

Otherwise, please use the form below.

① **Put in Box 1 your full name and address (please use block capitals).**

Applications must not be made by anyone under 18, but a parent, grandparent or guardian of a child under 18 may apply for the benefit of that child. To do this, you should put your own name in Box 1, and after your surname write "A/C" followed by the full names of the child and the child's date of birth. This does not stop you from making a single application for your own benefit.

If you wish to apply jointly with another adult, see Note 7.

② **Put in Box 2 (in figures) the number of shares for which you are applying. You may only apply for one of the numbers of shares set out below. Applications for any other number of shares will be rejected.**

Number of shares you are applying for	Amount you pay now (120p per share)	Your total investment (330p per share)
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100	£120	£330
200	£240	£660
300	£360	£990
400	£480	£1,320
500	£600	£1,650
600	£720	£1,980
700	£840	£2,310
800	£960	£2,640
900	£1,080	£2,970
1,000	£1,200	£3,300
1,500	£1,800	£4,950
2,000	£2,400	£6,600
2,500	£3,000	£8,250
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Final touch for Trafalgar Day

Workmen using a secret cleaning formula yesterday, on the eve of Trafalgar Day, to put finishing touches to one of the four bronze lions at the base of Nelson's Column, part of an £80,000 programme which also included repairs to Nelson's sword and the removal of nearly half a ton of dead pigeons and their droppings. The secret of the cleanser's ingredients has been passed down from one team of Property Services Agency cleaners to another since its discovery in 1926. A £2.3 million programme of work on the rest of Trafalgar Square, including the erection of railings around the base of the column, repairs to the fountains and new lighting, begins soon (Photograph: John Rogers).

Hurd moves to stop guilty escaping on a point of law

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

A change in the scope of the Court of Appeal was announced last night by Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, to prevent guilty people escaping justice on a technicality.

He intends giving the court the power to order retrials rather than quashing convictions because of technical defects in the original trials.

At present, the Court of Appeal can order a retrial only if new evidence has come to light.

Mr Hurd, speaking in London to the Metropolitan branch of the Police Federation, said: "It sometimes happens that someone who is convicted at the crown court is later acquitted on appeal because of some technical defect at the original trial. Perhaps there was a mistake of procedure or a misdirection to the jury.

"The Court of Appeal can dismiss such an appeal if it considers that no miscarriage of justice has actually occurred. But sometimes things are not as clear cut as that, and the conviction has to be quashed."

It was right that a person should not stand convicted if the trial was wrongly conducted. What was neither right nor acceptable was that guilty people should escape justice on a technicality.

"I therefore propose to give the Court of Appeal a wider power to order a retrial if it thinks it is in the interests of justice to do so. This is an important change in ensuring a proper balance in the scales of justice."

The new powers will be proposed in an amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill.

Mr Hurd said the Government also proposed to enable the Attorney General to refer a sentence to the Court of Appeal where it appeared to him to be unduly soft. The Court of Appeal would have the power to substitute whatever sentence it thought proper, within the maximum for the offence.

"I do not believe that this will affect a large number of cases, but the question is one of public confidence", Mr Hurd said. "Where the most serious offences are concerned, the public needs to be sure that every stage of the criminal justice system, from the investigation to the sentence, is properly conducted."

In most cases the sentence fitted the crime and attracted no public comment. But judges were fallible – like police officers and Home Secretaries, he said. When something did go badly wrong, there should be a procedure to correct it.

"That is why we propose that the Court of Appeal should be able to increase sentences in such cases. That is another big change and voices are already raised against it. But it is an overdue and sensible change, which already works well in a number of other countries."

● A warning that the prison service crisis could seriously affect proper policing in London was given to the Home Secretary and the meeting by Mr Peter Imbert, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police.

Mr Imbert said: "The situation cannot be allowed to continue. If it does, it will seriously threaten our ability adequately and properly to police London. The situation is a constant drain on our manpower and will reduce the police coverage of the streets of the capital."

He said the care of prisoners in London police stations involved more than 700 police officers each day in a job never intended for highly trained policemen.

He said the number of officers leaving the Metropolitan Police to join other forces was also a source of anxiety.

There was no difficulty finding recruits, but wastage meant that for every 2,000 recruits trained at the start of each year, the net gain by the end of the year was only about 300 officers. Recruits merely replaced experienced, trained police officers leaving for other forces.

Policing was a difficult profession in whatever part of the country an officer worked, he said, but in London, officers had to face high house prices and a reduction in the quality of life.

Mr Imbert repeated his call for the right of silence in court cases to be changed. He has argued that judges should be allowed to tell juries if a defendant chose not to answer police questions.

Juvenile custody 'a failure'

By Our Home Affairs Correspondent

Pressure is mounting on the Government to phase out custody for juveniles. It comes from eight influential organizations in juvenile welfare.

They back a co-ordinating group which says that the number of custodial sentences imposed on juveniles in England and Wales has been reduced from 7,600 in 1981 to 4,400 in 1986, the lowest figure for the past 10 years.

The group says that 72 per cent of juveniles leaving detention centres and 83 per cent of those leaving youth custody centres are reconvicted within two years.

A report by the group, which is backed by probation and social services chiefs, says today: "Judged by their success at diverting young people from re-offending, penal establishments have proved a spectacular failure. Many of the juveniles entering custody could better be dealt with by non-custodial measures with a higher chance of steering young people away from crime.

"While no one disputes that a small number of young offenders must be locked up in order to protect the public, this should be done in secure child care establishments, not custodial institutions run by the Prison Department."

The report, by New Approaches to Juvenile Crime, calls for amendments to the Criminal Justice Bill to end the remanding of juveniles to penal establishments. Last year, 1,700 juveniles were remanded to adult prisons or remand centres. The report says that when a juvenile has to be remanded to secure accommodation, it should be in an appropriate community home.

The detention centre order should be abolished and youth custody should be the only custodial sentence available for young offenders, it says.

"It would be inappropriately severe for a court to send a juvenile into custody for behaviour which is not in itself an offence", the report says. It points out that courts can already impose fines and attendance centre orders in such circumstances.

The eight organizations supporting the group are: the Association of Chief Officers of Probation; the Association of Directors of Social Services; the National Association of Probation Officers; the British Association of Social Workers; the Association for Juvenile Justice; the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders; the National Council of Voluntary Child Care Organizations, and the National Intermediate Treatment Federation.

Drug hunt unit sold to Japan

A British device for detecting smuggled drugs and explosives has been sold to the Japanese customs authority in a £10 million deal (Our Air Correspondent writes).

The system, known as Condor, was developed by British Aerospace which has spent the past four years trying to convince customs, airlines and ports that the system could help to defeat international drugs smuggling

The cost has so far proved a drawback – British customs has been evaluating the system for some time and needs Treasury permission before buying it. It is hoped that the Japanese order will renew interest and lead to many more sales.

Condor can be part of a static unit through which cargo is driven or housed in mobile vans ready to be taken to any particularly sensitive port or airport. The Japanese have bought four of the mobile systems for use in their busiest cities such as Tokyo, Yokohama and Osaka.

It relies on a sensitive mass spectrometer produced in Canada which can detect minute traces of drugs or explosives by taking samples of air in containers or suitcases. Its findings are then fed into a computer which indicates on a display screen what drugs or other chemicals are in the air.

It is the first big order that British Aerospace has achieved in Japan for more than 10 years.

Tory shire attacks reform of schools

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

Severe misgivings about the Government's proposals for reforming schools were voiced yesterday by Hereford and Worcester, a Conservative-controlled council which describes itself as a typical shire county.

It says that educational standards in the county have risen and will continue to rise and suggests that the Government's plans are either irrelevant or potentially damaging.

Every secondary school in Hereford and Worcester already allocates more time to English and mathematics than the proposed national curriculum suggests, the council says.

It questions whether all pupils will benefit from studying a modern foreign language and says it is worried that the proposed curriculum will not suit pupils of below average ability.

The council fears that good and imaginative teaching will be stifled by too much emphasis on tests, league tables and comparisons with other schools.

It adds that the Government's proposals will be costly and that it is being over-optimistic in assuming that authorities will be able to absorb the extra expense.

The council criticizes the plan to allow individual schools to opt out of local authority control on the vote of a simple majority of those parents who decide to take part in a ballot.

The Government's proposal to give schools control of their own budgets attracts the council's fiercest criticism. It claims the scheme would prevent it from carrying out its traditional role of ensuring equal opportunities for all pupils.

Unavoidable variations in the age, character, efficiency and location of schools make it impossible to apply the same funding formula to all, the council says.

Black-led agency loses fund

The Manpower Services Commission has withdrawn its £3.5 million funding of the Community Roots Trust (Our Employment Affairs Correspondent writes).

The commission said yesterday that the trust's annual contract had not been renewed because of continuing concern over its financial management. "They have been given extensions of their contract to allow them to sort themselves out, but they have not managed to do it."

Every effort would be made to find alternative places for the people involved.

Trust officials were shaken and upset by the announcement. They welcomed the news that their projects were likely to be continued under other MSC agencies, but deplored the fact that Britain would be deprived of its only black-led community agency. It was important, they said, that black youngsters should be set an example by their own communities.

Dismiss bad teachers, heads told

Head teachers were urged yesterday to make use of their new powers to dismiss incompetent teachers (Our Education Correspondent writes).

Sir David Hancock, Permanent Secretary at the Department of Education and Science, told a conference of heads that "easing out" poor teachers was in the interests of the whole school. "If they cannot be retrained, they place a burden on all their colleagues."

Sir David said that the Education Act of 1986 which transferred the power of hiring and firing teachers from local education authorities to school governing bodies and heads, was an important landmark.

He pointed out that local authorities could no longer compel schools to hire, or prevent them from dismissing, teachers they did not want.

Sir David also criticized the two biggest teaching unions, the National Union of Teachers and the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, for refusing to co-operate with pilot schemes designed to develop a systematic way of appraising teachers' performance.

Kremlin joins in condemnation of American bombardment

Iran vows to avenge US hits on oil rigs

From Robert Fisk, Bahrain

The Speaker of the Iranian Parliament yesterday was anxious to dispel any illusion that there would be no military response to the American naval bombardments of two of Tehran's oil rigs in the Gulf on Monday.

Hojatoleslam Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani emphasized that Iran would retaliate "in the coming days" and that "this is not a threat but a reality". The Speaker, who was reporting to members of the Parliament on the attack, said: "We will act according to our responsibilities . . . and we'll make the US regret its action."

Mr Tariq Almoayed, the Bahrain Minister of Information, had the doubtful distinction yesterday of being the only Arab Gulf minister to have the courage to speak publicly about the US attack on Iranian oil platforms. It was, he said, "one more step in the education process of those who doubt" that the West is serious about maintaining freedom of navigation in the Gulf.

It was symptomatic of the nervousness now evident in the Gulf that a series of stray artillery rounds which landed on the Kuwaiti island of Bubiyan were at first thought to have been part of an Iranian ground attack against an oil workers' camp.

The shells — apparently nine — exploded on the low, marshy island just opposite the most southerly edge of the Fao peninsula, which was captured by Iranian Revolutionary Guards last year.

The rounds may well have been fired along the Iran-Iraq frontline to the north, although given the ominous nature of Tehran's latest warnings to Baghdad's arab neighbours, it was impossible to be certain that the shells were as innocent as they appeared.

President Khamenei of Iran, who was among the first to promise reprisals against the US in the Gulf, repeated his own warnings yesterday. He said: "American aggression is vainly aimed at supporting the Iraqi regime and preventing the Islamic Republic from emerging victorious in the Iraqi-imposed war."

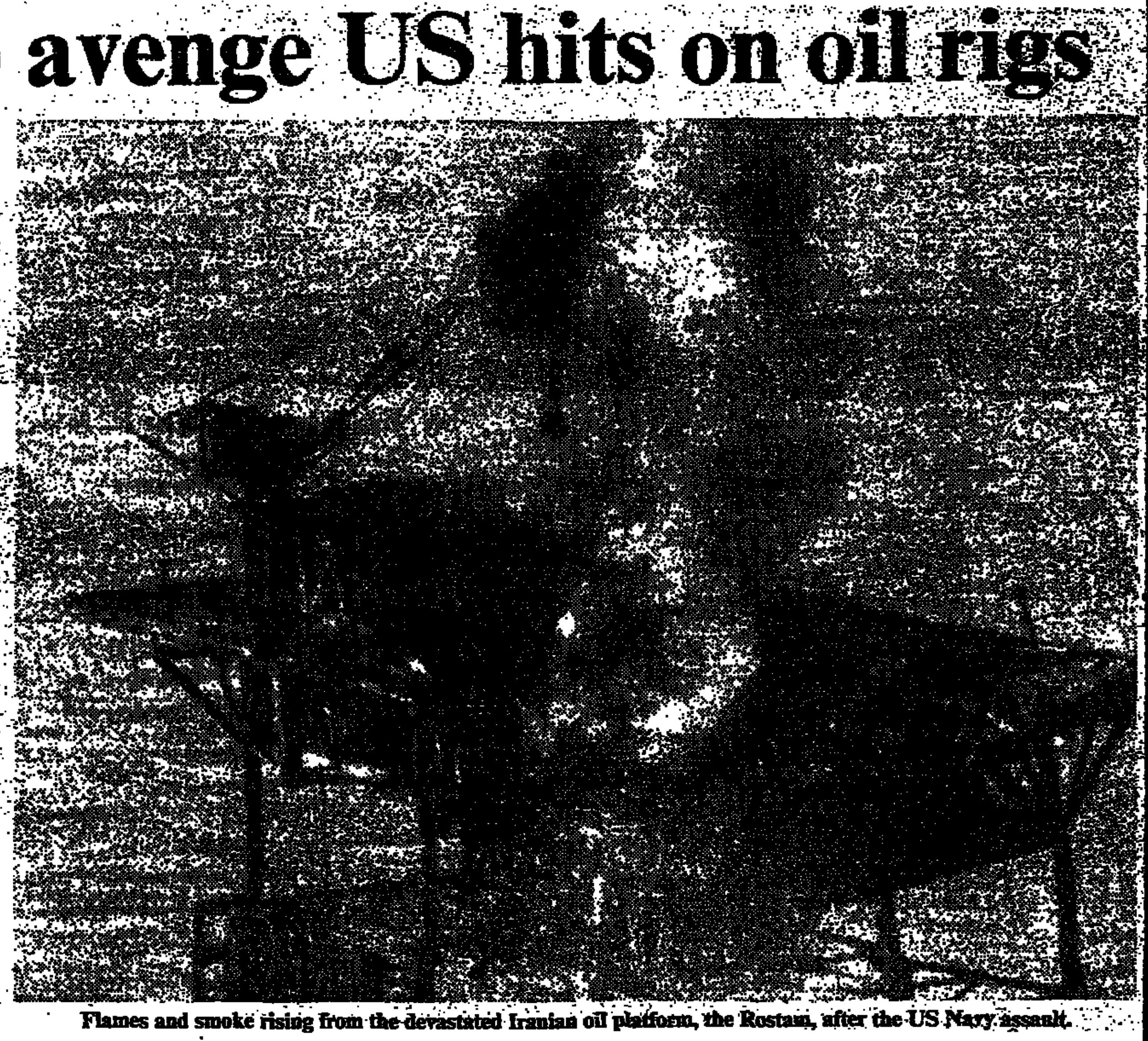
But the conflict would not be decided by US military firepower. A single Revolutionary Guard could bring down an American helicopter with a single weapon.

The Iranian Oil Minister yesterday estimated the damage to the devastated oil rigs as US$500 million (£298 million), although he gave no analysis of the statistic. It is quite likely that the figure will be added to the amount of frozen assets which Tehran is claiming from the Americans — funds which, so Hojatoleslam Rafsanjani has hinted in the past, might help to produce some of the US hostages held in Lebanon.

A mine was reported to have been seen in an Iranian sea-lane in the Gulf at dusk. The captain of an Iranian-chartered tanker saw itthe object on the surface, and gave a radio warning to vessels in the area.

● **MOSCOW:** The Kremlin yesterday accused the US of a breach of international law in attacking the Iranian oil rigs and claimed that advance warning from the White House to the Soviet Union and other members of the United Nations Security Council had been of no value because it came too late (Christopher Walker writes).

The latest response from Moscow was seen as reflecting anger in the Soviet hierarchy that the official warning from the White House on the "hot line" had not arrived until the Kremlin had already been informed of the attacks as a result of monitoring the international media.



Flames and smoke rising from the devastated Iranian oil platform, the Rostam, after the US Navy assault.

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Gulf Arabs reap profits of aiding regime they oppose

By Robert Fisk, Our Middle East Correspondent

Down in the old United Arab Emirates port of Ajman, where rotting freighters lean against the old wharf at a rental of just under £2 a day, there is a sight that might well cause some consternation to President Reagan as he awaits the threatened retaliation to his weekend reprisal attack against Iran.

It is not the clutch of little fishing boats which are flying the Iranian flag, nor even the geriatric Dutch cargo ship which is being painted for the ferry run to Bandar Abbas. What might catch the President's attention is the sleek, newly overhauled Iranian cargo-landing craft that lies beside a spit of sand, its funnel bearing the insignia of the Islamic republic. The vessel is being worked over by the maintenance men of Arab Heavy Industries, and its presence here on the Arab side of the Gulf is as publicly ignored as all the other lucrative trade and economic links between the Arabs and Iran.

There are other, less dubious but even more economically important Iranian vessels up the coast. The supply ship Moussa, for example, nestles in the little harbour of Jadaf outside Dubai, where for the past six months scores of Filipinos have been labouring to replace its accommodation quarters, severely damaged in an Iraqi air attack earlier this year.

In the Dubai dry docks, two huge Iranian supertankers, victims of Iraq's latest Exocet offensive on the Iranian shipping lanes, are now under repair, moored alongside the US-flagged Bridgeton, which was struck by a mine. Thus do the Gulf Arabs — supporters of Iraq, beneficiaries of America's commitment to maintain freedom of navigation in the Gulf — make money from the war and give vital economic assistance to Iran.

Off the island of Hormuz, in the strait of the same name, the Iranians maintain an offshore "clean-products" terminal for vessels bringing in kerosene and high-octane petrol. According to shipping agents in Dubai, ships arrive weekly carrying Bahraini kerosene, which is immediately reshipped up the north coast of the Gulf in Iranian chartered vessels to be used by the front-line Iranian army and air force.

Regular shipments of engine spares are known to arrive in Iranian ports, particularly in Bandar Abbas, from Kuwait, the very country whose tankers have now been attacked by Iranian-fired Silkworm missiles, and whose Government has repeatedly accused Iran of internal subversion and sabotage.

It is, of course, for Kuwait and for Kuwait's implied threat to look to the Soviet Union that President Reagan agreed to re-flag 11 oil tankers, the critical step that led inevitably to last week's Iranian missile attack on one of those ships, and the President's apparent decision to strike militarily against Iran. Just as US missiles have been fired by Iran at US helicopters, so Arab economic assistance now helps Iran to hit at Arab Iraq, despite the fact that the Arab Gulf states are supposed to be giving their moral and financial support to Baghdad.

● Iran receives shipments of spares even from Kuwait ●

It is not by chance that Iran still maintains full diplomatic ties with every Arab state except Egypt and Iraq. Indeed (and incredibly), it was only two weeks ago that Iraq and Iran, after seven years of mutual bloodletting and up to 1.5 million dead, decided to sever their own diplomatic relations. Iranian trade and political delegations regularly fly into the capitals of Arab Gulf states, even though it is scarcely two months since Iranian mobs broke into the Saudi and Kuwaiti embassies in Tehran.

These are not facts to trouble the White House just now: nobody will want to encumber Congress with them. But the Gulf is an ambiguous place, the pre-colonial history of which makes it a treacherous theatre for US muscle-flexing. Iran's stake in the Arab Gulf is as much cultural as it is political and economic, not least because of the enormous emigration of Iranian families to the southern coast of the Gulf more than 50 years ago.

The Iranians moved from the dry, arid areas of southern Iran primarily for economic reasons, with the result that tens of thousands of "Arab" Gulf families are now of Iranian ancestry, still speaking, or at least understanding, Persian, feeling more Arab than Persian but not so alienated from Iran as the Arabs of, say, Iraq, Egypt or Jordan. In the villages of Bahrain, for example, many inhabitants can speak Persian fluently and are able to listen to Iranian radio daily in that language as well as in Arabic.

This does not make them disloyal (nor are they all Shia Muslims — many Sunni Iranians came to the Gulf); but it reduces the impact of the Gulf war's propaganda, which has itself long been reduced to the sort of rhetoric which depicts opponents in bestial, almost subhuman terms. It certainly does not provide the US with the sort of political support it might expect. But it does call into question, yet again, the very presence of the US's huge naval force in the region. For, if President Reagan's retaliation materializes, putting at risk American lives and US interests in the Middle East and the very fate of US hostages in Lebanon, for whom are the sacrifices to be made?

For the theory of "freedom of navigation", which is afforded only to Iraq's friends in the Gulf? Or for the diffuse nations whose political and social backgrounds make them strange bedfellows of the Americans, states which will settle their differences with Iran long before the US comes to terms with the regime in Tehran?

As usual, the only possible winner in such circumstances is likely to be Iran.

WORLD SUMMARY

Reagan's 11th commandment

Washington — President Reagan yesterday summoned all the Republican presidential candidates and read out to them what he has called the eleventh commandment: thou shalt not speak ill of a fellow Republican (Michael Binyon writes).

He told them during a White House meeting on the 1988 campaign that they should refrain from personal attacks on each other, and avoid the kind of internecine warfare that has caused such havoc among the Democratic contenders.

The six candidates — Vice-President George Bush, Senator Robert Dole, Representative Jack Kemp, the Rev Pat Robertson, former Governor Pierre du Pont and Mr Alexander Haig, former Secretary of State — [illegible] portray themselves as the true inheritor of Mr Reagan's legacy, but ideological difference have already begun to cause sharp divisions among them.

Mr Reagan emphasized that he would stay neutral in the selection. A White House official said: "He wants to talk about what his role is going to be for the next year and about his legacy, what he considers most important."

Hunt for gunman

Paris — Signor Pierluigi Facchinetti, aged 31, one of Western Europe's most wanted criminals, was being hunted yesterday by more than 300 French policemen, after the murder of a gendarme and a customs officer near the frontier with Switzerland on Monday (Philip Jacobson writes).

Signor Facchinetti is an Italian with a long record of cross-border crimes. The incident followed a £200,000 bank robbery in Switzerland.

A new Mercedes was stopped for a routine check at a toll road post in Viry, France. As soon as the boot was opened, disclosing an automatic weapon and large amounts of currency, the driver and his accomplice started firing at point-blank range, before speeding off.

Spy case victims

Stockholm — The mounting controversy over the escape of spy Stig Bergling claimed four more victims yesterday, shaking Sweden's socialist establishment and rocking the country's belief in its ultra-liberal penal system (Christopher Mosey writes).

Four senior officials in the Swedish judicial administration resigned, as it became clear that Mr Ingvar Carlsson, the Prime Minister, had ordered a big purge in the upper echelons of the Justice Ministry.

More heads are likely to roll in the weeks to come as a result of the Bergling escape, coming as it does after the equally well publicized botched police hunt for the assassin of the previous Prime Minister, Mr Olof Palme.

Natal police swoop

Johannesburg — Scores of people have been arrested in a police swoop on black townships around the Natal city of Pietermaritzburg, where more than 40 people have died in violence in the past month (Ray Kennedy writes).

The police have been ordered by Mr Adele Meyer, the Deputy Minister of Law and Order, to give top priority to controlling the unrest in the area. Since January there have been 90 officially-confirmed deaths, 154 injuries and 225 recorded unrest incidents.

100 held in Punjab

Delhi — Indian police yesterday arrested up to 100 activists in the Punjab in an attempt to prevent the holding tomorrow of the Sarbat Khalsa, a Sikh religious convention, which could renew demands for Khalistan, an independent Sikh state (Kuldip Nayar writes).

The Government last week banned the assembly in the Sikhs' holiest place, the Golden Temple in Amritsar, but four militant high priests promptly defied the ban. Three of them were arrested.

Rail death toll 155

Jakarta (Reuter) — Rescue workers tore through twisted metal yesterday to pull 45 more bodies from the mangled wreckage of Indonesia's worst train crash, bringing the death-toll to 155.

Hundreds of troops and other rescuers uncovered a scene of carnage as they pulled apart the wreckage of two trains to enter the compressed front compartments. The commuter trains collided in a south Jakarta suburb on Monday.

Left-winger resigns

Madrid — The outspoken leader of the left within the Spanish Socialist Workers' Party has resigned after allegedly accusing a party official of involvement in a property deal with a conservative opponent (Harry Debelius writes).

Señor Pablo Castellano, in a letter to party headquarters, denied statements attributed to him by a Madrid newspaper in which he reputedly said that the party's organizational secretary, Señor Tiki Benegas, is involved in a £31 milliondeal in the Balearic Islands with Señor Abel Matutes, a vice-president of the Popular Alliance.

Navy could follow US policy of 'self-defence'

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday warned Iran against further attacks on shipping in the Gulf and hinted at action if a British-flagged vessel were hit.

He said that the US Navy's attack on an Iranian oil platform on Monday was not retaliation but self-defence, even though it followed last week's Iranian missile strike on the US-flagged tanker Sea Isle City.

Sir Geoffrey was asked on the BBC Radio programme *The World at One* whether Iran should expect similar retaliation from the Royal Navy. He said: "There is no question of retaliation. It was action taken in exercise of its (Washington's) right of self-defence. Any country is entitled to take action in self-defence."

Sir Geoffrey's comments followed a meeting with Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, in London.

The two men discussed the meeting that Mr Shultz is to have with Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, in Moscow on Thursday. The Moscow talks are expected to look beyond the immediate prospect of a treaty to eliminate medium and shorter range missiles.

Arms ship under siege as mystery deepens

From Roger Boyes
Savona, Northern Italy

"Did you know what you had on board?" It is difficult to hear the answer, because of the seagulls, the rumbling and squeaking of dockside cranes and the hectic semaphoring of the Italian customs guards who are shouting at me: "Talking is not allowed, is forbidden."

"Of course we know." The crewman on the arrested ship, Fathulkahir, is a little off-hand. "What?" "What do you think? — *strawberry jam?*"

Not jam, of course, but machine-guns bound for the Gulf. As the state of siege around the ship — housing its British first officer, Mr Richard Murphy, and about 40 other crew members — *has entered its third day*, and the mystery is, if anything, deeper.

What is the British connection in the trafficking to the Gulf? Scavenging around the Savona dockside, having blustered through different police checkpoints, I come across the first container that was searched the weekend; 350 Heckler & Koch Nato machine guns were found then. Nobody had bothered to clear up the debris and there, scattered around the broken crating, are blank British Ministry of Defence work forms: "Royal Ordnance Small Arms Enfield Computer MO Work Card," says one. Stencilled on the back of an MoD form, the address of the guns reads: Contract DGP/9/86/4, Defence General Stores Directorate, Post Box No 2805, Abu Dhabi.

The defence lawyers employed by the ship owners, United Arab Shipping Co, say they have handed over to the judge new documents forwarded from London. The Italians were suspicious that the Liverpool-loaded container — the biggest in the ship and said to contain several hundred cases of machine-guns — was not properly accounted for. Signor Romano Raimondo, the shrewd Genovese maritime lawyer who is acting for UASC, said the Irish sea captain, Mr John Scallon, aged 48, was simply absent-minded. "He forgot to pick up the bill of lading Liverpool, where the weapons were loaded." A manifest clearly identifying the cargo as machine-guns has also been given to the authorities.

The formal interrogation of Mr Scallon begins today, and the Savona prosecutor, an energetic woman named Tiziana Parenti, says that a decision on the fate of the ship's crew will probably not emerge until Saturday.

Asked about the documents found on board the ship, a spokesman for the Royal Ordinance company in London, *now a wholly owned subsidiary of* British Aerospace as of April this year, yesterday said that they seemed authentic but that it was impossible to be certain at this stage. He also acknowledged that the company does sell arms to a number of countries in the Middle East, but could not specify which ones without violating confidentiality clauses.

The Fathulkahir is moored alongside a rickety Neapolitan vessel and a tug ominously called Piranha. The crew are allowed up for air, but First Officer Murphy sent a message to *The Times* saying he was obliged to stay below decks and could not answer questions. Tensions are running high. Armed police and customs officers are *sharing guard duties* and searched me thoroughly before even approaching the port area.

Shipping sources are abristle with theories. First, they believe that the Fathulkahir lost a day en route from Liverpool to Italy — "Could the ship have put in at an Irish port as well?" asked an experienced ship monitor.

Second, how is one to explain the unusually multi-national complement of the ship? Crew members, apart from the British first officer and Irish captain, include Jordanians, Kuwaitis, Egyptians, Algerians, Iraqis and some Africans. The Italian authorities think that some of the crew members may have been naval cadets from Arab countries assigned to escort the arms shipment safely to the Gulf.

Captain Scallon would be able to answer that question, but he is incommunicado in Genoa's high security prison. He is still claiming that he knew nothing about the contents of the cargo. This does not tally very well with statements in Liverpool and UASC's *British agents, that the* cargo was a perfectly legitimate, fully declared arms shipment to a non-participant in the Gulf war.

Savona does not look like a sinister place, rather it is a hybrid of Felixstowe and *Bournemouth. The* only visible signs of loose living are smuggled cigarettes and a plentiful supply of caviar traded by visiting Russian seamen. The real centre of sin — and much sophisticated arms trading — is nearby Genoa, with its red light districts (off limits to visiting US sailors since the Aids scare) and drugs and arms dealers. Savona, though, was named in a confidential 1983 Italian police report as an illicit arms transshipment port. Since that report, the customs have been particularly vigilant.

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We hadn't been back to Skye since our honeymoon, but nothing had changed.

Lochalsh was just as breathtaking, Helen just as lovely.

"You're still an admirer then?" she said, indicating the Volvo.

"More than ever," I replied fervently and it was quite clear that I didn't mean the car.

Which was a little awkward, considering we'd been divorced for nearly three years.

The timely arrival of the ferry saved me from further confusion and we were across the loch and heading for Harlosh before Helen asked the inevitable question.

"So what are you doing here? A sentimental journey?"

"Not at all," I replied a little too quickly. "I had some business in Inverness and, well, it's a chance to try out the car. I only took delivery on Monday."

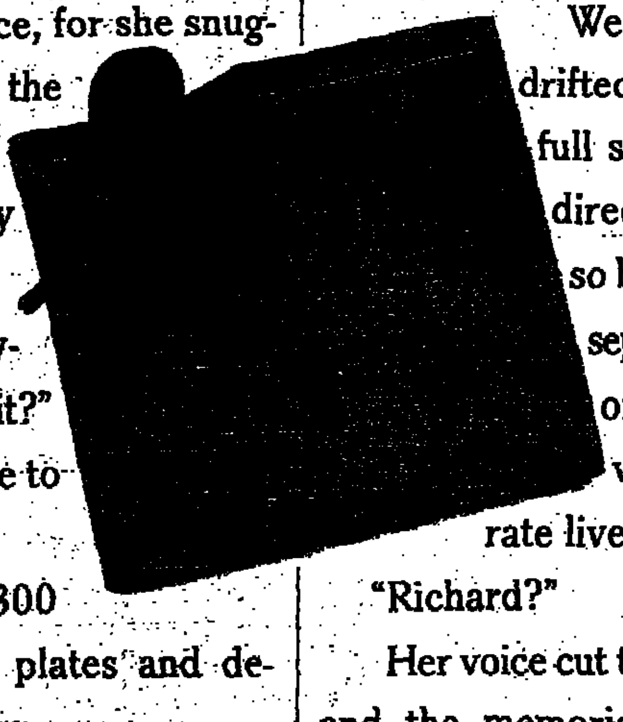
Helen must have caught a note of pride in my voice, for she snuggled deeper into the leather seats and looked up impishly at me.

"A little extravagant for you, isn't it?"

I refused to rise to the bait.

"It cost £19,800 excluding number plates and delivery," I said mildly.

"For that, I get a 2.3 litre, turbocharged, fuel-injected engine, capable of speeds far in excess of anything I need these days, but pleasing all the same."



"It's extremely comfortable, as you may have noticed, very reliable and it has a hint of luxury that I not only like, but feel I've earned."

The smile faded from Helen's face.

"Were we part of the price?"

There was no answer to that, so I didn't attempt one. To give myself a breathing space, I slipped a tape into the player and filled the car with Thelonious Monk.

For the next few miles, Helen seemed lost in the music, whilst I was pleasantly absorbed in noting how effortlessly the 760's new suspension coped with the bumpy, twisting mountain road.

And then, inevitably, the nearer we got to Harlosh, the farther back my thoughts drifted.

Thirteen years ago, I had driven down this same road, in the same make of car, with the same girl in the passenger seat.

My first love, my first car. I'd no idea what happened to the Volvo, but Helen and I had followed a well-trodden path.

We hadn't so much drifted apart as sailed full steam in opposite directions, both of us so busy building our separate careers that one day we found we'd made separate lives as well.

"Richard?"

Her voice cut through the Monk and the memories and I looked across at her.

"Were you surprised to see me at the ferry?"

I nearly choked.

Surprised? Just because I drive into a remote Scottish port that I haven't visited for thirteen years and find my ex-wife waiting at the dockside, calmly asking for a lift to the hotel where we'd spent our honeymoon?

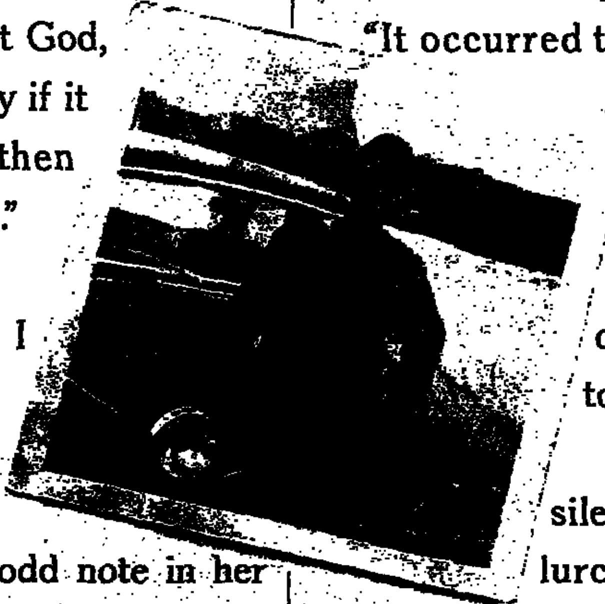
"Not at all, I always keep in touch with old friends this way," I said flippantly and instantly regretted it when I caught the flash of pain in her eyes.

"I came up here to do some research for the rag," she volunteered, "and I suppose the fact that it would have been our anniversary put the idea into my head."

"Anyway, when I saw the Volvo drive up, I thought God, wouldn't it be funny if it was Richard and then when you got out..."

"It wasn't so funny after all," I finished for her.

"Something like that."



There was an odd note in her voice and I waited, wondering what was coming next.

"Do you remember that old Volvo we had?"

I thought of the battered snapshot in my wallet and said nothing.

"No electric sun-roof," she continued, "no electronic climate control, no electronic anything, but it was a sweet little car."

Ahead of me the lights of Harlosh flickered in the gathering gloom, and I slowed, searching for the turning to the hotel.

"What do you think happened to it, Richard?"

"Knowing Volvos," I said casually, "it's probably still going strong."

"Unlike us," murmured Helen in a voice so low I could barely catch it.

I counted silently to three, took a deep breath and plunged.

"We should be there in time for dinner, if you'd care to join me?"

"For old time's sake?" she asked. I shook my head and thought, oh well, in for a penny, etc.

"They say the average life of a Volvo is about twenty-one years," I said carefully.

Helen merely looked at me. "It occurred to me," I went on, "that if you're not doing anything for the next decade or so, we could put this one to the test."

There was a long silence and my heart lurched.

Then she said quietly, "Don't you trade your car in every three years or so?"

"Usually," I replied and noticed I was gripping the wheel a little too firmly.

"But just lately I've learnt that some things become even more valuable, the longer you hold on to them."

"I am," said Helen slowly, "quite remarkably hungry."

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Cambodian compromise signalled

Talks aim to find role for Sihanouk in government

From David Watts, Hanoi

The leader of Cambodia and its former ruler are to meet before the end of the year in the strongest signal yet of a possible compromise over the country's future.

Mr Hua Sen, the Cambodian leader, and Prince Norodom Sihanouk are to meet in Paris to discuss a role for the prince in the country's future.

Mr Sen confirmed this yesterday in Phnom Penh, and said he was optimistic about the outcome because the prince had announced his intentions in advance. In the past he had twice agreed to a meeting, the last time in 1984, and then backed out.

Cambodia has been under Vietnamese control since its forces invaded in 1979 and overthrew Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge regime.

The announcement of the meeting is a stunning blow to the hopes of those Western and Asian countries who wish to maintain the isolation of the Vietnamese-backed government in Phnom Penh. The United Nations recently again called for a withdrawal of Vietnamese troops.

The announcement comes as a godsend to Vietnam, increasingly under pressure to withdraw its forces to try to rebuild an economy which now has an annual inflation rate of about 1,000 per cent.

Prince Sihanouk, who ruled Cambodia until he was overthrown in 1970, divides his time between Peking and Pyongyang. [illegible] time that he [illegible] ing [illegible] settlement [illegible] Cambodia as a [illegible] under the rule of the Khmer Rouge led by Pol Pot and backed by the Chinese.

The announcement was welcomed by the Vietnamese Foreign Minister, Mr Nguyen [illegible] The Times. "I think [illegible] can contribute to [illegible] ation he could have a very good role," he said. "But when he made a coalition with Pol Pot he merely committed suicide. [illegible] some [illegible] between him [illegible] otherwise the Cambodians [illegible] accept [illegible] forces of [illegible] Minister, Mr Son Sann. The Vietnamese have [illegible] position since [illegible] resistance bases in [illegible] war.

Vietnam [illegible] further withdrawal of its forces next month. Mr Thach denied that this was merely a rotation of troops.

Aquino crackdown on illegal strikes

From Humphrey Hawksley, Manila

President Aquino of the Philippines has told police to break up illegal wildcat strikes which are disrupting the country's economy.

Her statement came in a tough speech to businessmen, who applauded as she said: "I will not allow an unruly minority use the rights of labour to achieve a communist victory."

Seeking to reassure the business community after nearly two months of speculation about the future of her presidency, Mrs Aquino said she had the qualities of leadership needed for the Philippines and had left enemies who had tried to overthrow her scattered and shame-faced.

She also ruled out peace talks with communist insurgents and said she had ordered the Army to hunt them down.

Although she attacked her critics on both the right and left, the thrust of the address was against radical trade unions who have in recent months disrupted industry with random stoppages. Businessmen have complained that the stoppages are discouraging foreign investment.

The audience could have been hostile; elements of the business community had been questioning her ability to retain power for the full presidential term. But she [illegible] persistent applause [illegible] speech clearly designed to [illegible] the confidence of business[illegible] at the expense of the left.

"The question you all really want to ask is: 'Can she hack it? Isn't she weak?'

"These are questions that were asked by all those who have openly challenged my power, authority and resolve and who have suffered for it.

"Although I am a woman and physically small, I have blocked all doors to power except (presidential) elections in 1992."

Mrs Aquino was given a standing ovation [illegible] which [illegible] when Congress [illegible] three months ago.

But it is widely accepted that the business community and land reform do not sit comfortably together, and Mrs Aquino has conceded that she needs to win the support of businessmen and the right, more than peasant workers and the left.

Tibetan Buddhist monks 'beaten by Chinese'

From Robert Grieves
Hong Kong

Western travellers returning from Tibet this week have reported beatings and arrests of Tibetan Buddhist monks by Chinese police in the capital, Lhasa.

Accounts of the scattered incidents, none of which could be confirmed by Chinese authorities, gives credence to the notion that Peking is using the virtual information blackout it has imposed on the Tibetan autonomous region to clamp down on Tibetan nationalists.

The news blackout comes in the wake of four large pro-independence demonstrations that took place in Lhasa and Xigaze, Tibet's second largest city, earlier this month.

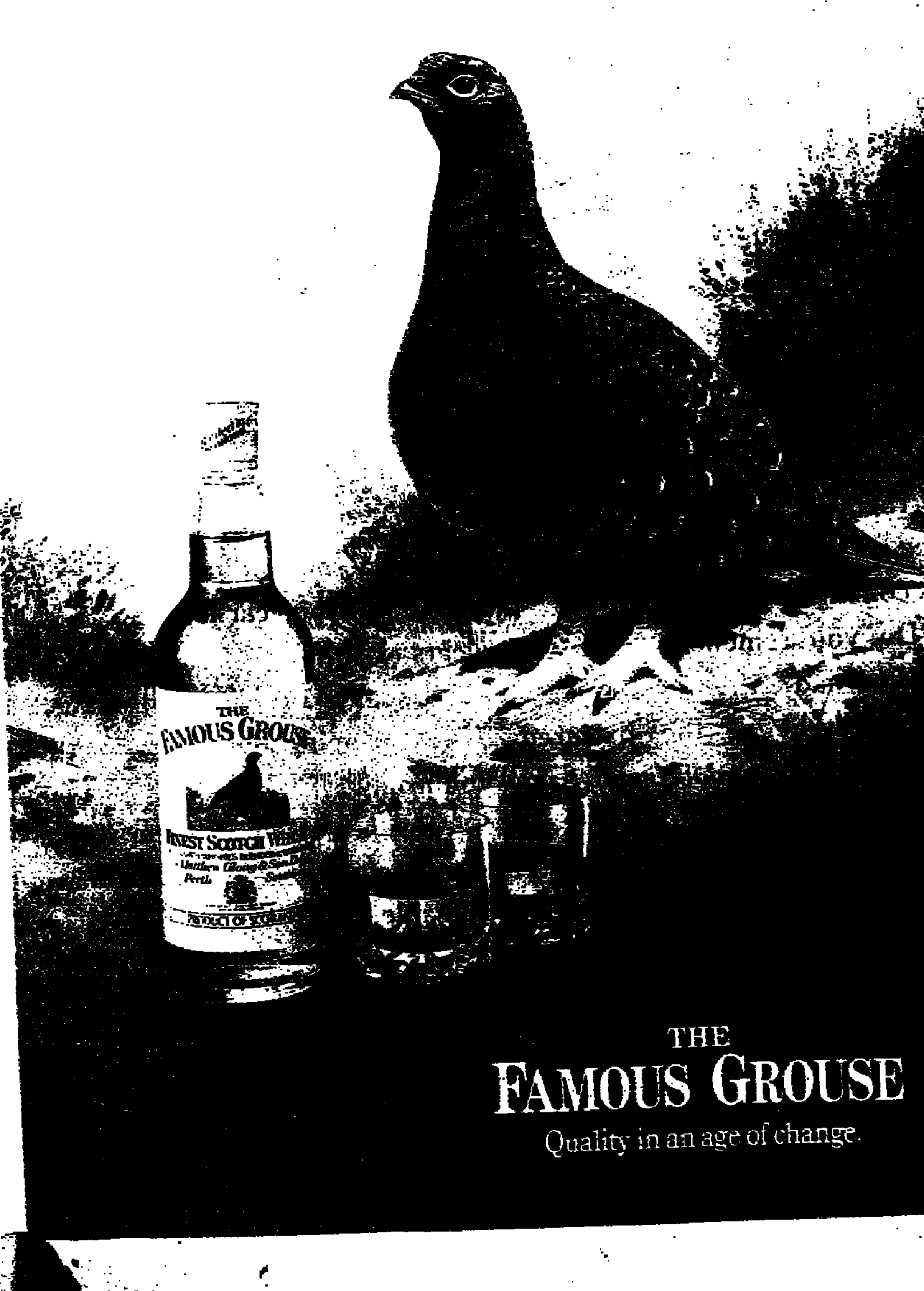
From witnesses' accounts, and the piecing together of announcements and meetings that preceded the demonstrations, it seems fairly clear that younger Tibetan Buddhist monks were responsible for instigating the stoning of Chinese policemen and the burning of a police station and police cars in Lhasa.

China annexed Tibet in 1951 after a two-year occupation of the formerly independent kingdom. Eight years later an unsuccessful Tibetan uprising against Chinese rule forced the Dalai Lama, the spiritual leader of Tibetan Buddhists, to flee to northern India, where he now lives in exile.

Asian and Western diplomats do not expect the Chinese to use force in suppressing the Tibetan nationalist movement this time. Peking would rather adopt an outwardly softer approach towards Tibetan dissidents, as it did towards Chinese university students who demonstrated in favour of Western-style democracy in last December and January.

Nevertheless, many of those demonstrating students subsequently found it difficult, if not impossible, to find work.

Sources in Lhasa and Peking suggest that Tibetan society is now more divided than ever, with frustrated young monks striving for independence while older, more pragmatic monks seek some sort of accommodation with their Chinese masters.



Best wishes for First Lady

President [illegible] his wife Nancy, who is making a good recovery [illegible] brought with him one of many giant home-made "get well" cards sent to the White House.

Zhao moves towards taking supreme control in China

From Mary Dejevsky, Peking

The accession of Mr Zhao Ziyang to the post of general secretary of the Chinese Communist Party came a step nearer yesterday when a full meeting of the party's central committee in Peking endorsed January's Politburo decision to name him acting leader in place of Mr Hu Yaobang. Delegates also confirmed the decision to remove Mr Hu from the post of general secretary.

Their confirmation, in which Mr Hu — as a member of the standing committee which presided over yesterday's meeting — took part, diminishes still further his chances of making a political comeback at the party congress which begins on Sunday. Mr Hu submitted his resignation to the Politburo after, it appears, he lost the support of Mr Deng Xiao Ping over his handling of student unrest in China last autumn.

Yesterday's meeting, which was attended by 202 full and 122 alternate members of the central committee, marked the final stage of preparations for the congress, the 13th in the history of the Chinese Communist Party. It was the last meeting of the central committee as currently constituted as the congress will elect a new committee.

As well as sealing Mr Hu's fate, the central committee drafted a set of amendments to the party constitution.

Mr Zhao Ziyang: Deputy leadership endorsed.

These are likely to include a clause exempting chairmen of party commissions from the requirements also to be an elected member of the Politburo. This would allow Mr Deng Xiao Ping to retire from the Politburo — as he has said he wishes to do — while retaining the important chairmanship of the military commission. Other changes are expected to further the separation of party and government functions, and possibly to prune some branches of the party's breaucracy.

The central committee also ratified the removal from membership of Mr Shen Tu, who was until July director-general of China's civil aviation administration.

Mr Zhao's position in the leadership was further strengthened yesterday by an official report saying that China's grain harvest this year is set to be the second largest on record.

Turkey, Bulgaria swap 'spies'

Sofia (Reuter) — Bulgaria and Turkey have exchanged two men accused of spying in their respective countries.

Mehmed Demirel, who had lived in Turkey since 1977, and Matin Kostov, a Bulgarian citizen who had sought asylum in the Turkish Embassy in Moscow in 1985, were exchanged in Moscow on Monday.

Kostov was flown to Ankara and Demirel to Sofia.

Demirel had been arrested in Turkey on charges of spying for Bulgaria. Newspaper reports [illegible] after Kostov had [illegible] in the Turkish [illegible] Moscow [illegible] had been [illegible] Bulgarian spying [illegible]

Bodies found

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[illegible] Ugandan troops have killed 92 rebel followers of Alice Lakwena, the self-styled voodoo priestess, and are trying to surround the insurgents hiding in forests about 60 miles east of Kampala.

Actor wins

Stockholm (Reuter) — The Swedish actor Max von Sydow has won a £127,000 out-of-court settlement against Sweden's tax authorities at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg.

Head shot

Johannesburg (AP) — Randfontein police are considering bringing a charge of attempted murder after a white man was seriously injured when his friend shot him in the face as they practised shooting beer cans off each other's heads.

African 'first'

Rabat (Reuter) — The first penicillin factory in Africa and the Arab world opened in Casablanca and will produce over 50,000 doses of antibiotic a day.

Pedal power

Budapest (Reuter) — Hungary is to build a £6.7 million factory in Iran which will manufacture 300,000 bicycles a year.

Burkina Faso coup

'Death plot' led to fall of Sankara

Abidjan (AFP) — Captain Blaise Campaoré, in his first national radio broadcast as the new leader of Burkina Faso, said he led a coup last week because the former President, Captain Thomas Sankara, was planning to execute critics of his leadership.

He said that his predecessor had put on alert units under his command to carry out the execution at a meeting of the country's National Revolutionary Council last Thursday evening. The new leader repeated in his address previous allegations that he was one of the targets of President Sankara's execution plot.

Captain Compaoré added that the execution plan was discovered when several members of Captain Sankara's presidential guard and the National Revolutionary Council fled during the afternoon before the scheduled council meeting, thus avoiding a bloody tragedy for the Burkinabê people and a useless bloodbath.

According to the new leader, the former President had been in dispute for more than a year with several of the leaders of the coup which brought him to power in 1983. He added that Captain Sankara was in a minority position within the Revolutionary Council.

Captain Campaoré said that his predecessor had tried to buy off his opponents with promotions to keep them quiet. He added that he had been offered the post of Head of Government, but refused it because he did not think this was the way to settle the country's problems.

"I can tell our people, Africa and the whole world, that there was no question at any moment — neither for me or my comrades — of satisfying personal ambitions, let alone satisfying them in the blood of those who were yesterday my comrades," he said.

Captain Campaoré, who did not personally attack Captain Sankara in his 15-minute address, said that the crisis within the Burkinabê leadership came to a head in June when the former President decided to dissolve all left-wing organizations, a decision which he was forced to retract.

"Annoyed and exasperated by his failure, Sankara turned from this moment to a policy of threats, intimidation, intrigues and plenty of other things," the new leader said.

Minister attacks EEC curb on lamb industry

From Jonathan Braude, Luxembourg

The Minister of Agriculture, Mr John MacGregor, reaffirmed yesterday Britain's demands for tough controls on EEC farm spending, but attacked proposals to cut the cost of EEC support for the British lamb industry.

Speaking in Luxembourg, he said that the Commission's proposal to phase out the unique "variable slaughter premium" paid to British farmers for lambs sent to market discriminated against the sheep fatteners in England's lowland farms.

More help would go instead to hill farmers and Continental sheep producers who already receive a subsidy geared to the size of the flock, the minister complained.

Mr MacGregor supported moves to cut EEC support for grains production when the EEC harvest goes over 155 million tonnes, but rejected calls for production quotas for cereals, similar to those that control milk production.

In what appears to be a considerable shift from Britain's earlier positions, Mr MacGregor also said that he was "very unenthusiastic" about proposed direct income subsidies to small farmers to tide them over the difficult period as new agricultural controls are enforced.

He feared that it would be impossible to prevent farmers from using the money to invest in boosting their production at a time when the Community is trying to reduce its surpluses.

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Indian troops seal off Tamil escape routes from Jaffna

From Michael Hamlyn, Colombo

Indian troops in the northern Sri Lankan town of Jaffna are sealing off escape routes for the Tamil Tiger guerrillas trapped by their 11-day offensive.

According to refugees' reports coming out of Jaffna the Indian soldiers are virtually roaming at will in the heart of the town, with only pockets of resistance left.

Such resistance as there is comes mostly from the northern part of the town, facing Urumpirai, and Kopai North.

The Indian authorities both here and in Delhi have been unable to give casualty figures for the Indian forces for the past two days. The immediate assumption is that they may therefore be high, and Sri Lankan sources have been estimating them in the region of 150 dead.

Troops in Urumpirai were said by the Indian High Commission in Colombo yesterday to have moved forward to Konduvil, which is still a 1½ miles away from the municipal limit. In Kopai North, the troops have begun moving their main axis into town. Troops from here began the campaign by heading eastwards to Navatkuli. Now, having cleared a series of well-defended arms depots and workshops, they are moving south-west.

The official spokesman for the Indian foreign ministry in Delhi said yesterday that troops who linked with a column moving down from Manipai had secured the coast road, and sealed off access to Jaffna lagoon on that side.

On the eastern side, troops on the Navatkuli axis are on both sides of the railway line, although officials here and in Delhi are unable to say how far they are along it.

The hunt is now on for the leader of the rebels, Mr Vellupillai Prabhakaran, who launched the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam to carve out an independent homeland for the Tamil people in the north and east of the island.

Delhi — India airlifted 300 more soldiers to Sri Lanka yesterday as a reserve for mopping-up operations in Jaffna (AFP reports). Defence Ministry sources said there would be no need for further reinforcements as Indian troops were now virtually in command of Jaffna.

He was reported earlier to be hiding in a Hindu temple on the outskirts of the town, but this may be wishful thinking by the Indian forces. It seems probable that he has already slipped away and may surface elsewhere to continue his campaign.

A Sri Lankan minister said last night that ideally they would like to see eight of the top leaders of the LTTE wiped out. "Then we should be left with a only a residual terrorist problem," he said. "But if one of the eight escapes we shall be back to the hit-and-run tactics again.

He named the eight as Prabhakaran, the leader, and K. Mahendraraja his second-in-command, Soosay, Yogi, Santosam Master (so-called because he is a school teacher), Newton, Karuna and Tilaka, a leading theoretician of the movement. He also named Anton Balasingham, who has for several years been the chief spokesman of the movement in Madras in south India.

A senior Sri Lankan security source admitted last night what had previously only been rumoured — that, despite Indian protestations about their self denial of air cover during operations, on one occasion air cover had been provided by the Sri Lankans at the Indians' urgent request.

It happened when a group of commandos had been air dropped into an unsecured landing ground north of Jaffna and suffered heavy casualties. The Indians needed instant help, and the Sri Lankans brought up helicopters to give covering machine-gun fire to an armoured rescue.

A recording of radio messages during these operations smuggled out of the north and circulating in the capital makes it clear that the Indians and Sri Lankans were working closely together.

Caution guides Japan's Prime Minister-elect

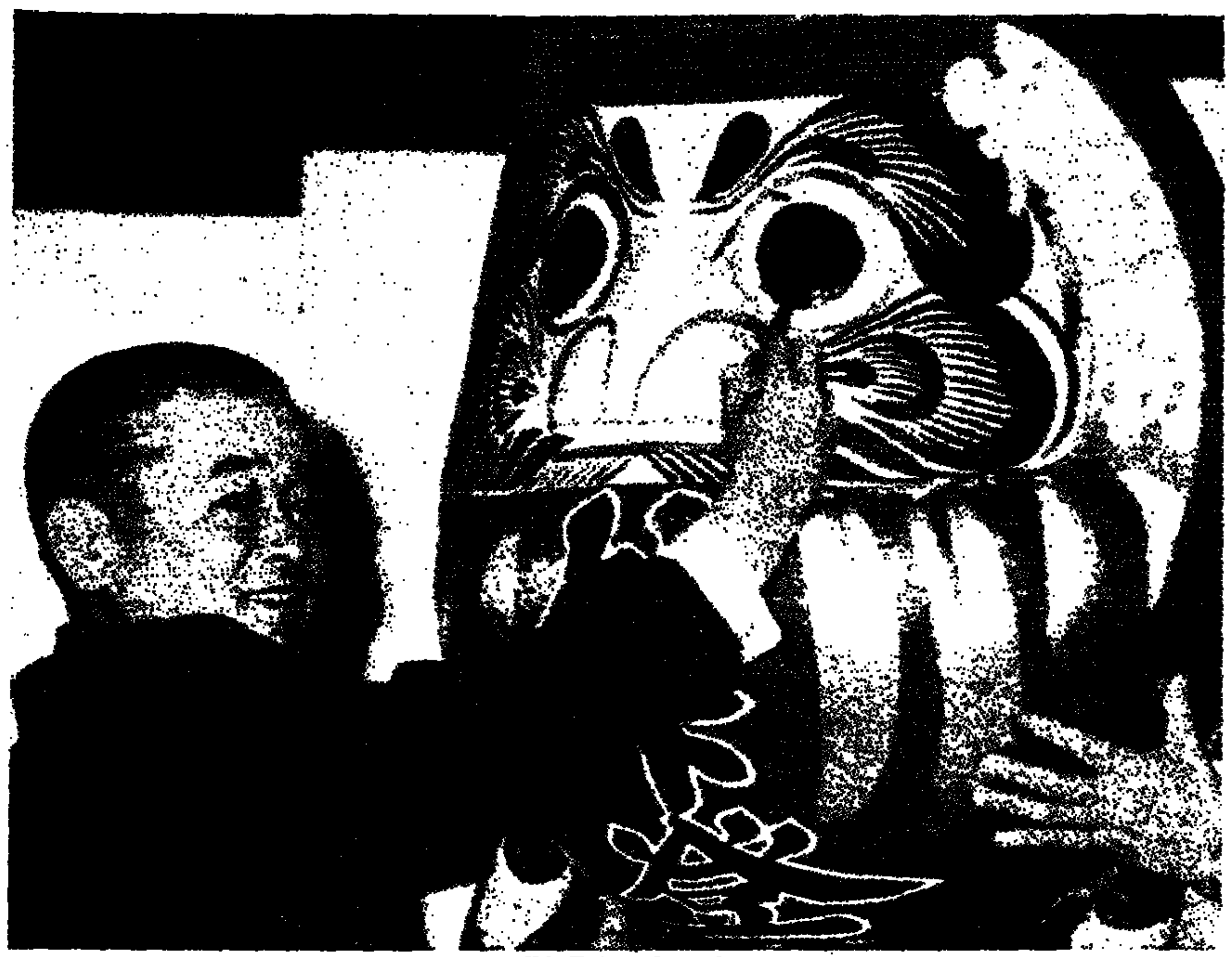
By Michael Dynes

The suprise decision by the Japanese Prime Minister, Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, to designate Mr Noboru Takeshita, the Liberal Democratic Party's General Secretary, as its next President will make him the 15th Prime Minister since the Second World War.

A reticent and ultra-cautious politician, Mr Takeshita has a profound reverence for consensus and an almost legendary loathing of confrontation. Once quoted as saying "You gain nothing from getting angry. Listen to what others tell you, even if it sounds foolish", he has acquired a name for timidity.

As the eldest son of a provincial *sake* brewer, Mr Takeshita now has the distinction of being the first Japanese politician to rise from humble rural origins to the highest office in the land — despite in recent weeks consistently coming bottom of the popularity opinion polls behind the other two aspirants.

Man in the News



Mr Noboru Takeshita painting an eye on a lucky doll in Tokyo after being nominated Prime Minister-designate of Japan.

Mr Takeshita first entered the House of Representatives in 1958, three years after the LDP was formed, after graduating from the commerce department of the exclusive Waseda University. A politician by instinct, he began to cultivate his personal ties with parliamentary colleagues, which has earned him a reputation as the consummate party man.

He promptly aligned himself with Mr Eisaku Sato, a former Prime Minister, who was succeeded in 1972 by the now disgraced former Prime Minister, Mr Kakuei Tanaka. It was under Mr Tanaka that Mr Takeshita rose up the LDP hierarchy.

After months of hesitation, Mr Takeshita eventually summoned up the nerve to break from his ailing mentor to form his own faction earlier this year, taking the majority of former Tanaka supporters with him and in the process marking a shift of power from the prewar to the postwar political generation.

Mr Takeshita is best known abroad for his period as Finance Minister in Mr Nakasone's Government. He represented Japan at the crucial Group of Five meeting at New York's Plaza Hotel in September 1985 which took the decision to bring down the value of the dollar against the yen — which did little to endear him to Japan's business community.

Although long considered the most likely replacement for Mr Nakasone, Mr Takeshita is nonetheless seen in the West as the worst possible successor. Since he represents one of the most rural and conservative constituencies in the country, few expect him to embark on the kind of reforming initiatives Japan is so desperately in need of to help ease tensions with its main trading partners.

To the consternation of Western observers, Mr Takeshita has openly declared that he has no firm views on any of the main political issues facing Japan, although he supports all of Mr Naksone's policies.

In foreign affairs, his call for "multilateral diplomacy and co-prosperity for all", apart from betraying a token interest in the world beyond the Japanese archipelago, raised the spectre of a return to an inward-looking Japan.

Arms impasse and Afghan war sour Pakistan's ties with US

From Our South Asia Correspondent
Islamabad

Relations between Pakistan and its superpower friend, the United States, are going through an unusually chilly spell. While the US tries to find some way of sending money and guns to Pakistan that will not break its own laws on nuclear non-proliferation, the Pakistanis are beginning to consider that the Americans are not wholly reliable allies.

In addition, a series of lethal bomb explosions which rocked Pakistani cities has done much to persuade citizens that support of the Afghan Mujahidin guerrillas is not in the country's best interests. Parliament was told recently there were 256 such explosions in the year to mid-July, with other bombs being defused daily. In the capital one bomb exploded in a crowded market early this month, and a second was discovered before it exploded the next day.

Washington — Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, is being urged by the US to reconsider his rejection of direct talks with Pakistan over its nuclear programme (Christopher Thomas writes).

At a meeting with President Reagan yesterday, Mr Gandhi is understood to have repeated that an agreement to ban nuclear weapons would not halt Pakistan's nuclear programme, which Islamabad insists is peaceful.

Pakistan depends heavily on the US for assistance, both for its economy and its defence equipment. Military aid to Pakistan stands suspended at present, while the US Congress ponders the arrest of a Canadian citizen of Pakistan origin, Mr Arshad Parvez, who is accused in Philadelphia of illegally trying to export special steel used in the manufacture of atomic weapons.

Military aid to countries which decline to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty is prohibited, unless the US President can certify that the recipient does not possess and has not tested a nuclear bomb. Despite clear evidence that Pakistan is doing more than enrich uranium for electricity generation, President Reagan has been able twice so to testify.

But earlier, when a Pakistani was caught trying to smuggle atomic bomb parts out of the US, a further amendment was made to the certification: the President had to declare also that there had been no violation of US law in attempting to acquire bomb-making equipment.

This he is unable to do until the Parvez case is cleared up, and since October 1 his earlier certification has expired. However, no direct link has yet been established between Mr Parvez and the Pakistani Government, and it is possible that none will be. But questions are asked as to why Mr Parvez should want the special steel — known as "maraging" steel, used to protect nuclear centrifuges from the corrosive effect of uranium hexafluoride gas — particularly at the spectacularly inflated price he was prepared to pay.

The Pakistanis feel humiliated by the situation. The nuclear programme has wide general support among all political groups here, and even those parties known to be heavily pro-American are urging the Government "not to go with a begging bowl".

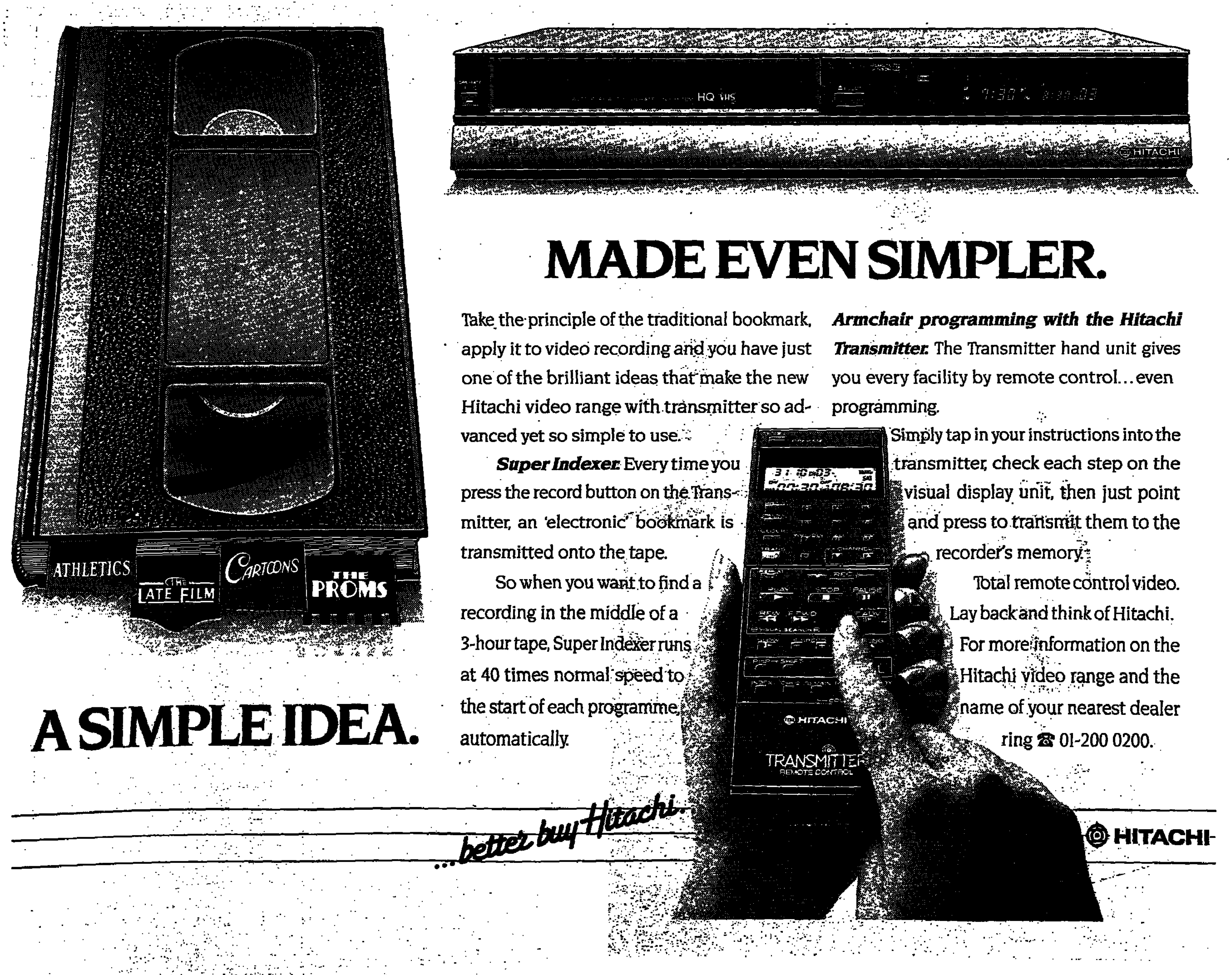
The Pakistani Government has repeatedly said that it will sign the Non-Proliferation Treaty, if India does the same; it will allow its nuclear facilities to be inspected, if India does so; it will sign a bilateral treaty with India or a regional nuclear treaty; and it will agree to a nuclear-free zone, if India reciprocates.

India, confident in the recollection that it exploded a nuclear device in the Rajasthan desert 13 years ago, and that it is developing a rocket system that could deliver a nuclear payload, seems unlikely to agree to give up such advantages this lead may give it.

If the US tries to suggest, as it often has, that Pakistan should agree to non-proliferation safeguards unilaterally, the Pakistanis appear hurt.

In any case, the feeling is that "America needs us more than we need America". A Pakistani commentator observed: "We have been described as the main conduit of arms to the Mujahidin. How else will the Americans be able to supply them . . . through Iran?"

The sentiment seems to be justified. It is clear that officials of the US Administration are pressing for supplies to Pakistan to resume.



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Quest for reconciliation stepped up as pressure grows on Central America peace plan

Former Contra chief returns under amnesty in Nicaragua

By Our Foreign Staff

Señor Edgar Chamorro Coronel, a former leader of the American-backed Contra rebels, has returned to Nicaragua under an amnesty from the Government.

He said he would stay "as long as I can to work for peace and reconciliation".

It was his first time in the country since before the Sandinistas came to power during 1979. A large group of journalists and photographers, *but no government officials*, met him at Managua airport.

Foreign Ministry sources said Señor Chamorro asked the Nicaraguan consulate in Washington for an entry visa two weeks ago. It was granted within the framework of the amnesty available to any rebels who will put down their weapons, the sources said.

Señor Chamorro, aged 56, has lived in Miami, Florida, since 1979. Expelled from the Contras three years ago, he was a member of the directorate of the estimated 12,000-strong Nicaraguan Democratic Force — now known as the Nicaraguan Resistance — which has been battling since 1982 for the overthrow of the ruling Sandinista National *Liberation Front.*

He was expelled from the rebels' leadership in 1984 after accusing Señor Adolfo Calero, their political leader, and Colonel Enrique Bermudez, the Contra military chief, of embezzling funds provided by Washington. Señor Chamorro had also voiced concern over allegations of widespread human rights abuses by the rebels, and later charged that the American Central Intelligence Agency was manipulating the movement.

Since then, he has been a consultant on Latin American issues in Washington.

His return follows the Contras' announcement last week that they would send a delegation to Managua before a November 7 deadline to begin talks on a ceasefire, as agreed in the Central American peace plan signed by five presidents in the region.

But Nicaragua said it would jail the delegation if the rebels did not first apply for amnesty.

Señor Chamorro said in Washington last week that he would make a two-week trip *to speak, write, travel to* villages and decide whether to return permanently.

He added then that he wanted to test the Sandinistas' promises of amnesty and greater freedoms.

"It is important for Nicaraguans to go back, with an open mind, and see if the Sandinistas really mean what they are saying," he said.

Señor Chamorro said at the airport that he left the Contras because he did not agree "with the injustices and atrocities that the forces backed by the United States commit".

He added: "It is time for them to stop."

Señor Chamorro explaining his intention to work for peace in Nicaragua as he arrived at Managua airport. It was the former Contra leader's first time in the country since before the Sandinistas came to power. He returned under an amnesty.

New notes give temporary light relief

From David Gollob
Managua

At the offices of the Nicaraguan telephone company, a teller sighed as a customer arrived to pay a telephone bill of 1.45 million córdobas (£44). It took her 30 minutes to count and recount a shopping bag full of 1,000-córdoba notes.

Life will be easier for clerks, merchants and shoppers in Nicaragua from this week, when a new series of 20,000-córdoba (£6) banknotes enters circulation.

However, relief from bulging pockets of nearly worthless banknotes may not last long. Inflation is likely to catch up quickly with the new 20,000-córdoba note. A 5,000-córdoba note issued last summer has depreciated by more than half.

The official government exchange rate for the US dollar has more than quadrupled in the past six months, and the black market rate has outpaced it. The new 20,000-córdoba note is worth slightly *more than a dollar on the black market,* roughly half its value at official rates.

"This economy is in deep trouble," said a Western diplomat, arguing that worsening shortages, mismanagement, and a critical balance of payments deficit were threatening to produce a "systematic breakdown" of the Nicaraguan economy.

A threefold drop in export earnings since the 1979 revolution is seen by most analysts as the root problem. The Government blames the war; critics blame government attempts to impose centralized control over prices, which they say have destroyed incentive to produce and have swollen the black economy.

"Exports are falling every day, production is falling and there is no end in sight," Señor Ramiro Gurdián, vice-president of Nicaragua's Private Enterprise Association, told a public meeting recently.

"At this rate it will take 52 years to repay just the principal on our (£6.6 billion) foreign debt," he says. "And if there is peace, do you think the economy will grow?"

Diplomats here have speculated that the critical state of the economy and failure to defeat the Contra rebels were factors that prompted President Ortega to sign a Central American peace agreement in Guatemala on August 7.

However, analysts are doubtful that peace alone can rescue Nicaragua from the crisis. Even if there is an end to the *war, more than a billion dollars* (about £600 million) a year in foreign assistance, they calculate, would be required over a five-year period to resuscitate the economy.

Costa Rica turns back thousands seeking asylum

From Martha Honey, San José

Attempts to make Central American relations more normal, under the new regional peace plan, received a severe blow at the weekend when several thousand Nicaraguans tried to seek political asylum in Costa Rica.

Señor Juan Felix Barrantes, the director of the Costa Rican Civil Guard, said on Monday that "we managed to stop thousands of Nicaraguans from crossing the border". Señor Hernán Garrón, the Minister of Public Security, said 600 Nicaraguans got into Costa Rica before security forces stopped another 2,000.

The *incident occurred* as Nicaragua allowed 7,000 people to go a few yards into Costa Rica to visit family members who had fled from Nicaragua as refugees. The 600 who did cross, almost all men of draft age, are being held in tents near the frontier.

The *Sandinista* Government, under newly instituted liberal policies, had been allowing such visits over the past few weeks *on the Honduran* and Costa Rican borders as part of moves to improve relations in Central America, under the peace deal due to come into effect on November 7.

Señor Rodrigo Madrigal Nieto, the Foreign Minister of Costa Rica, said he did not believe the refugee influx *would* disrupt implementation of the peace plan, but rather underscored the need for a negotiated ceasefire in *Nicaragua.*

Initiative by Arias undermines rebels

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

With the Central American peace plan due to take effect in less than three weeks, President Reagan's six-year strategy of aiding the anti-leftwing guerrillas in Nicaragua is in chaos and seems about to collapse.

The demise of the Contras, a 10,000-strong army created secretly by the Central Intelligence Agency, could be only months away. The tide of opinion in Congress seems to be moving irreversibly against further military aid.

Contra leaders are bitter. Aid has been given, held back, given partially, given fully and again held back in a sporadic, muddled and demoralizing fashion by Congress, where the Democratic opposition has constantly changed direction as it searched for a clear policy.

Mr Jim Wright, the Democratic Speaker of the House of Representatives, said he could not conceive of any circumstances in which Congress would grant more military funds to the rebels. The standard Republican charge that the Democrats are "soft on Communism" has clearly lost its sting.

Mr Wright and most of his congressional colleagues are embracing the unfolding peace plan initiated by President Arias of Costa Rica, a somewhat vague and imprecise accord which nevertheless has helped undermine *Mr Reagan's more militaristic* approach.

But already the accord, signed on August 7 by Guatemala, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Honduras and El Salvador is in trouble. President Azcona of Honduras said his Government will be released from obligations under the agreement unless Nicaragua com*plies fully with it by* November 7, when it is due to take effect.

He joined a growing chorus of Central American demands for the Sandinista Government to begin direct ceasefire negotiations with the Contras, which it refuses to do. Señor Arias and President Duarte of El Salvador have also called for direct talks.

Señor Arias has bluntly told Congress and the Administration that renewed military aid at this delicate stage would destroy his peace plan.

It is now obvious that the full terms of the agreement cannot possibly be implemented by November 7. *But Mr Reagan is insisting* that Nicaragua should not be allowed to renege on its pledge to allow full democracy and to end all Cuban and Soviet involvement.

The Reagan Administration is convinced that the accord, which it does not like, is going to collapse sooner or later. Its strategy is to insist that if any part *of the agreement fails,* then the entire plan must be seen as a failure.

Time is critically short for the rebels, who will soon start running out of basic equipment.

Mr Reagan regards their plight as so urgent that he is asking Congress to vote by November 26 on a request for $270 million (£162 million) in aid, most of it for military purposes, over an 18-month period. He will argue that without continued pressure from the fighters, the Sandinistas will have no in*centive to abide by the peace* agreement.

The Contras have failed to achieve their primary military objective of capturing and holding Nicaraguan territory, but they have had a devastating impact in the countryside by attacking pylons, electricity sub-stations, bridges, roads and pipelines.

Even Democratic leaders privately admit that without the Contras, the Sandinistas would not today be sitting at the negotiating tables.

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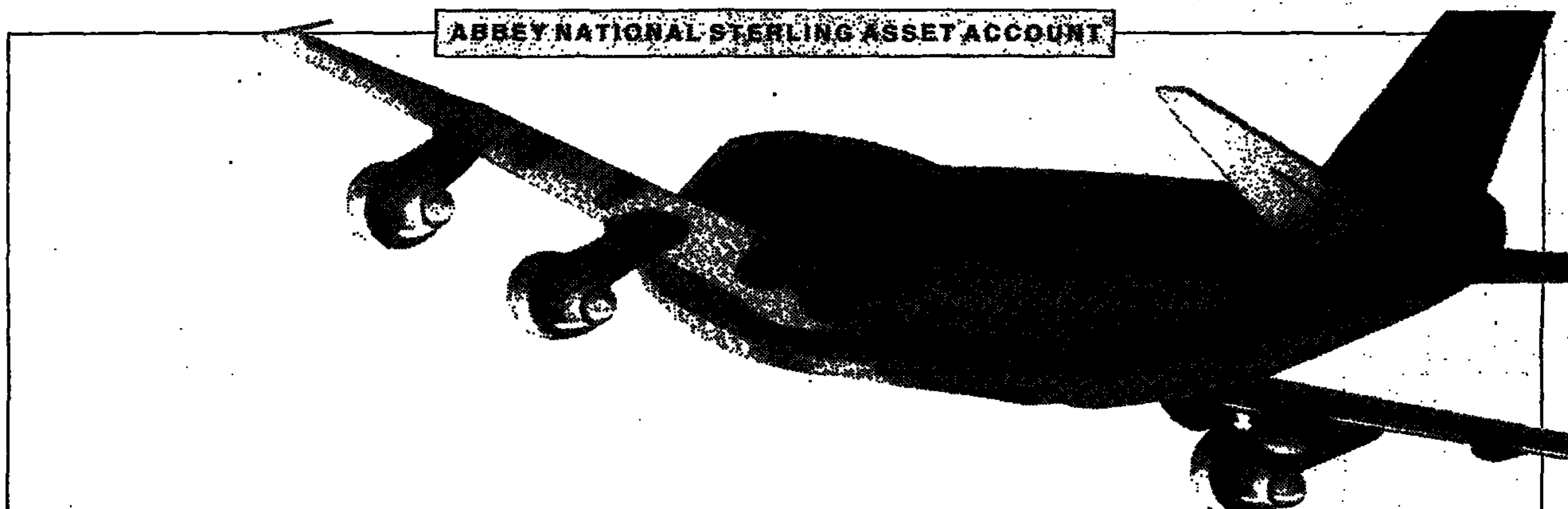

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THE ANTIQUES WORLD

A riot of autumn colour

Though some specialist antique dealers in London have been heard to complain that business is not as good as it was last autumn, their worries are unlikely to be shared by their confreres in the art market. The variety of pictures on exhibition this year is likely to satisfy most tastes and wallets, and the quality is also impressive at a time when quality is often difficult to find.

Something of the range can be assessed by making two visits to the Chris Beetles gallery, 5 Ryder Street, SW1; the first before October 30 when the annual show of British illustrative watercolours and drawings from the 19th and 20th centuries closes; and the second after November 16 when they will be housing an exhibition of original prints from the 15th to 20th centuries organized by Elizabeth Harvey-Lee.

Devotees of field sports and horses are catered for in two exhibitions, at Richard Green, 44 Dover Street W1 until November 10, and at Ackermann, 3 Old Bond Street, to November 14. The catalogue of the Ackermann show is being sold in aid of the Bob Champion Cancer Fund.

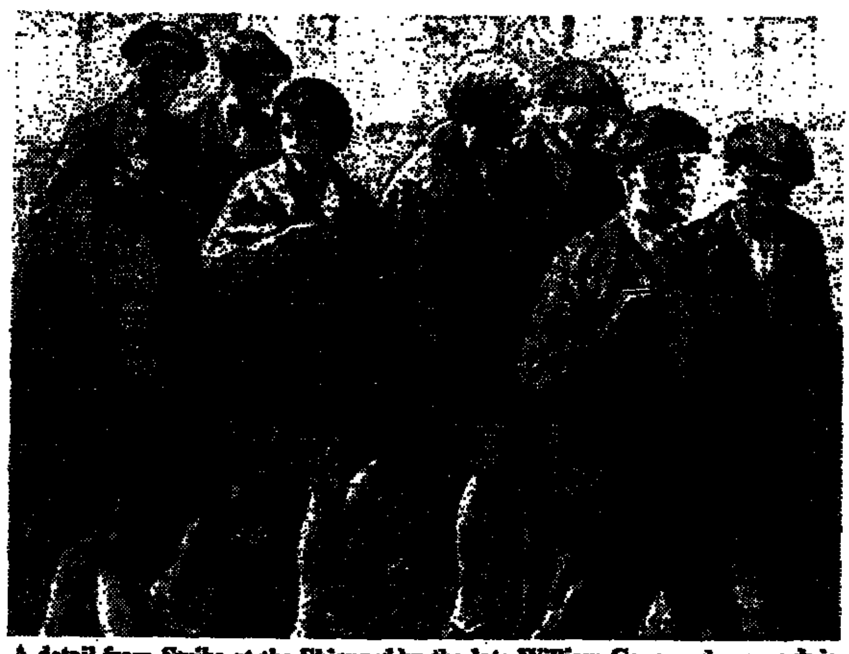
Until November 6 the little Taylor Gallery, in the Royal Arcade between Old Bond Street and Albemarle Street, is showing the work of nine Irish painters from about the 1880s to 1950, including Jack Yeats, J H Craig and "R" (George Russell). All too often the best Irish artists are not properly appreciated in London until they are dead, and two whose reputations are rapidly and deservedly now being resurrected are Roderic O'Conor (died 1940), the close friend of Gauguin, and William Conor, a fine, strong painter from Belfast who died in 1968.

A still living German contemporary of several of these painters is Lotte Laserstein (born 1898), a figurative artist who has lived in Sweden since 1937. Her work is being championed by the private dealer Caroline Stroud, and can be seen at Agnew, 43 Old Bond Street, and the Belgrave Gallery, 22 Mason's Yard, off Duke Street, St James's, from November 4 for a month.

From November 5 the Gallery Lingard, upstairs at 50 Pall Mall, will be showing architectural designs and topographical views of London, and this show will run on into the New Year.

Rachel Moss and her late husband Brian have been well known to watercolour dealers and collectors in both London and the North of England for some years. She has now reopened the business in a new gallery at 238 Brompton Road with a first show drawn mainly from the 19th century.

Two very different faces of nature should benefit from charity events in the coming weeks. Next Monday, October 26, Sotheby's have a sale on behalf of the Rhino Rescue Appeal – the East African black rhino population is now down to a disgraceful 400 or so. Then on November 10 an exhibition of paintings of West Cornwall will open at the Royal College of Art as a part of the National Trust's Enterprise Neptune coastline campaign. The show is sponsored by the auctioneers Phillips.


A detail from *Strike at the Shipyard* by the late William Conor, whose work is included in an exhibition of Irish painters in London next month

Among the largest of the scores of antiques fairs which take place around the country each month are those at the Newark & Notts showground, where there can be up to 2,000 stands. The next is on October 27, opening at 8am. Mention of any fair inevitably brings cries of "foul!" from the organizers of all the rest, so let us be thoroughly unfair and mention two more: the 16th annual event at the Atheneum, Bury St Edmunds, from October 29 to 31; and the monthly antiquarian map and print fair at the Bonnington Hotel, Southampton Row, WC1 on November 9.

Lady Gibson, the wife of a successful businessman and former chairman of the Arts Council, is by birth a Pearson, and thus herself combines a sound aesthetic sense with equally sound financial instincts. In 1967, when Sotheby's held their first sale of ballet and theatre material, she bought Leon Bakst's costume for Nijinsky in Diaghilev's ballet *Le Dieu Bleu*. On its return to the saleroom, tomorrow afternoon, it will obviously make a great deal more than in 1967, and it may well exceed the upper estimate of £8,000, since it is thought to be the last of Nijinksy's costumes in private hands. The Sotheby sale also features a collection of opera glasses and fans.

On November 11 Christie's are selling a number of very fine violins by such makers as G.P. Maggini, Nicolo Amati and Gennaro Gagliano. Prices of up to £70,000 are hoped for the first two, and up to £50,000 for the Gagliano, which it would seem from a label, the maker hoped to pass off as the work of Stradivari.

The next two movements take place at Sotheby's on the subsequent days. On the 12th there are two actual Stradivari, one of which has an estimate of up to £300,000, and on the 13th there is a single-owner collection of some 300 flutes from the 18th century to date. Here prices should range from about £100 to £12,000 or so.

More than 1,000 metsuke – little Japanese carved toggles, often in ivory – from a great American collection will be sold off by Christie's in a series of sales starting on October 27.

Many of the carvers of netsuke show a taste for the bizarre, and they would have appreciated the grotesque humour of the stoneware birds made by Martin Brothers in their pottery at Southall at the turn of the century. Phillips have a good group of these strange creatures on the same day, and prices are expected to range from £800 to £3,000.

On November 3 Sotheby's spend the day selling Chinese export porcelain, with a mixed property session in the morning and part of the collection of M and Mme Hervouet of Nantes in the afternoon. The latter includes a punch bowl decorated with "the earliest depiction of golf to appear so far at auction". It is Qianlong (1736-1795) and estimated at up to £12,000.

Thomas Tompion was the greatest English clock maker, but he was prolific, and his work is not rare on the market. On November 12 Bonham's have a good burr walnut longcase month clock by him, which is dated to 1695 and could sell for up to £30,000.

On November 16 there will be more for scientists at Sotheby's when they have what they say is their best ever sale of scientific instruments and technological material, including much from the collection of the late Rudolf von Gutmann.

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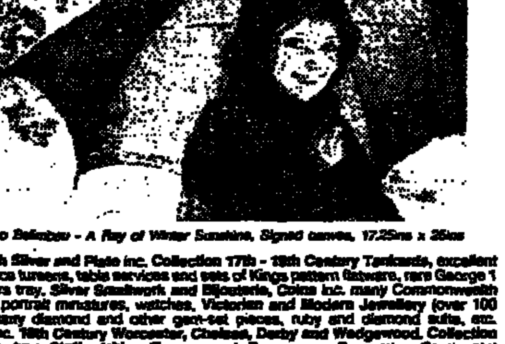
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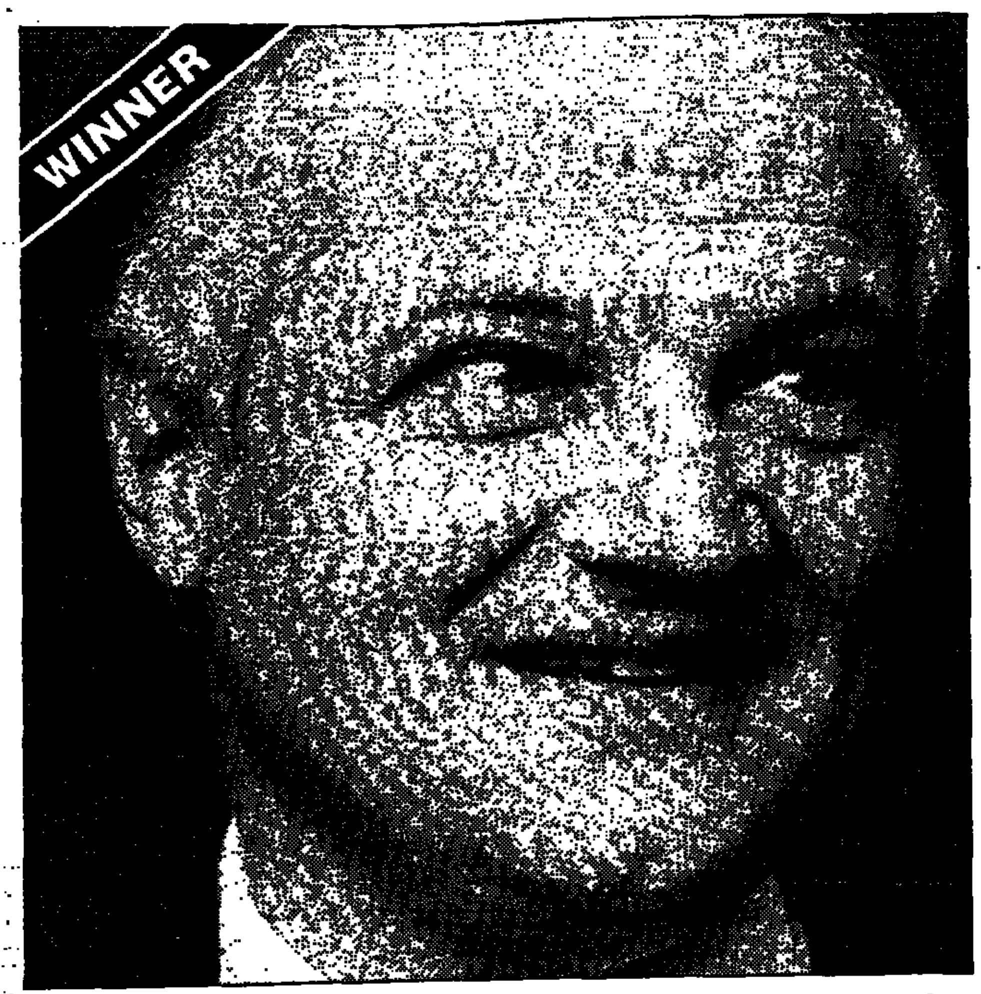

"I'm confused": Sir James Goldsmith may have been bewildered by what has happened on the world's exchanges, but he had the sense to sell large amounts of his holdings just in time

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Part 3: The Losers

Exactly a year after Big Bang, the plug has been pulled on the shares boom. In the last of his series, **Bryan Appleyard** assesses the damage and reports on how the new financial wizards lost their magic

In early August Sir James Goldsmith startled the financial world by *selling large* parts of *his* American investments as well as his stake in his French master company, Generale Occidentale, for £150 million. "We have reached a point," he said at the time, "when many uncertainties are not reflected in the market. I'm not a bear. I'm not a bull. I'm confused." Today the City is littered with people wishing that his confusion had been contagious.

Goldsmith had spotted something which few others wanted to think about – world stock markets in the 1980s had gone too far. Rising share prices had come to be taken for granted. New, *rapidly expanding* companies had grown huge overnight on the back of massive investor confidence. The wizardry of new types of entrepreneur, far removed from the grey industrial barons of the past, became a part of Mrs Thatcher's enterprise culture.

Richard Branson in his balloon or Sir Terence Conran in his role as mandarin of good design were the new business establishment, representing the view that capitalism worked and could be fun. With records, furniture, computers and even cosmetics, Branson, Conran and their contemporaries supplied the same wealthy City youngsters who were making fortunes dealing in their shares.

The key to success was the exploitation of new markets: Branson's Virgin Group grew out of a pop record business; Conran's Storehouse Group out of selling furniture to a newly affluent middle class; Gordon and Anita Roddick's Body Shop out of selling cosmetics to the environmentally aware, and Alan Sugar's Amstrad out of selling cheap stereos and even cheaper computers.

But a crashed stock market could destroy the image of success. Lower share prices reduce the room for manoeuvre by making takeovers or expansion more difficult. And, of course, it severely dents personal fortunes. This is doubly painful in new companies still based on individual inspiration, as the founder has usually retained a sizeable stake.

Alan Sugar, for example, has 250 million shares in his Amstrad Consumer Electronics. This represents just under half the company. At the opening of the Stock Market on Monday morning the share price was 169p, valuing the company at £920 million, by last night the shares were down to 125p to produce a value of £687 million. Sugar's own value on paper had fallen by £110 million.

Richard Branson's Virgin Group shares began this week at 156p. By last night they were down to 113p. Branson has 92 million shares, bringing his loss on the week to £40 million.

Conran's Storehouse Group has been the subject of widespread takeover rumours which have played havoc with *the share price* recently. On Monday it opened at 392p but by last night had fallen to 273p, making Conran's loss on his just-under 30 million shares almost £35 million.

The Body Shop, the creation of Gordon and Anita Roddick, opened on Monday at 860p; last night it was 625p, reducing the value of the Roddicks' holdings by £8.2 million.

But there were winners. Or, at least in the case of Stephen Dean, relatively small losers. He is the chairman of Dean and Bowes, a tiny pub refurbishing company. He owns just over four million shares. For no very clear reason, the *D* and *B share price* rose slightly on Monday and only fell 5p to 173p yesterday. "Funny what you can do, swimming against the stream."

Perhaps the biggest winner of all was, ironically enough, *Wall Street's* Public Enemy Number One, Ivan Boesky. As part of his deal with the American Securities and Exchange Commission, he was allowed to unload $440 million worth of stock – well ahead of the Crash of '87.

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Who's panicking?

● The British sitting-room proved itself yesterday to be a considerably less volatile financial centre than the computerized floor of the Stock Exchange. There were no frantic screams of "Sell, sell" into the telephone.

Mr Albert Bunby, a 40-year-old scientific glassblower at Kingston Polytechnic in Surrey, said: "My window's pretty high up here, but I haven't once been tempted to throw myself out of it. In fact, if prices keep dropping I'll probably pop out and buy some more shares."

He was on a camping holiday when a TSB bank manager in the next tent told him: "If you don't apply for the TSB share issue you need your brains examined." He was rewarded with 700: "Since then we have bought a couple of minimum holdings of British Airways and Rolls-Royce, and six or seven hundred British Gas. Rolls-Royce has been *pretty disastrous, but if I* just hang on to all my certificates and *give them to my* children when they bury me, then I won't have any regrets."

Mr Bunby seemed to be echoing the general view of the new wave of family speculators when he said: "I've only used a bit of spare money and if I couldn't afford to lose I wouldn't have dabbled in the *first place. I* don't even have time to look in the papers to see how things are going. You need at least an hour a day to study form if you're going to invest properly, so I really just *go for gut reaction.*"

'I propose to sleep through this particular crisis'

"But where else in the world could you get a bank share for a pound? Banks do well in good times and they do well in *crises. I don't care if they drop* to a penny, they're bound to go up three, four, maybe five times, in the next 10 years."

Mr Bunby was one of five *new shareholders who out*lined their hopes and philosophies *in The Times* exactly six months ago. Another was Mr Brian Taylor, a transport manager with the Lancashire-based chemicals group, Laporte Industries. Unconvinced by the prospects of Britain's newly-privatized companies, Mr Taylor decided instead to take up £500-worth of stock in his own firm. He has since increased that holding to £800.

"I know that the chemical industry is sound and I *haven't even looked to see* what has happened to my shares this time," he said yesterday. "I'll probably try to find out in about a fortnight. *In the mean time I propose to* sleep through this particular crisis."

And a third newcomer to the market place, Fran *Gutteling*, a *London* freelance layout artist, was feeling even more relaxed after cashing in her 300 TSB shares before the latest crisis. "If I *have any worries they are* nothing compared with everyone else's," she said. "I'll just sit tight for the time being."

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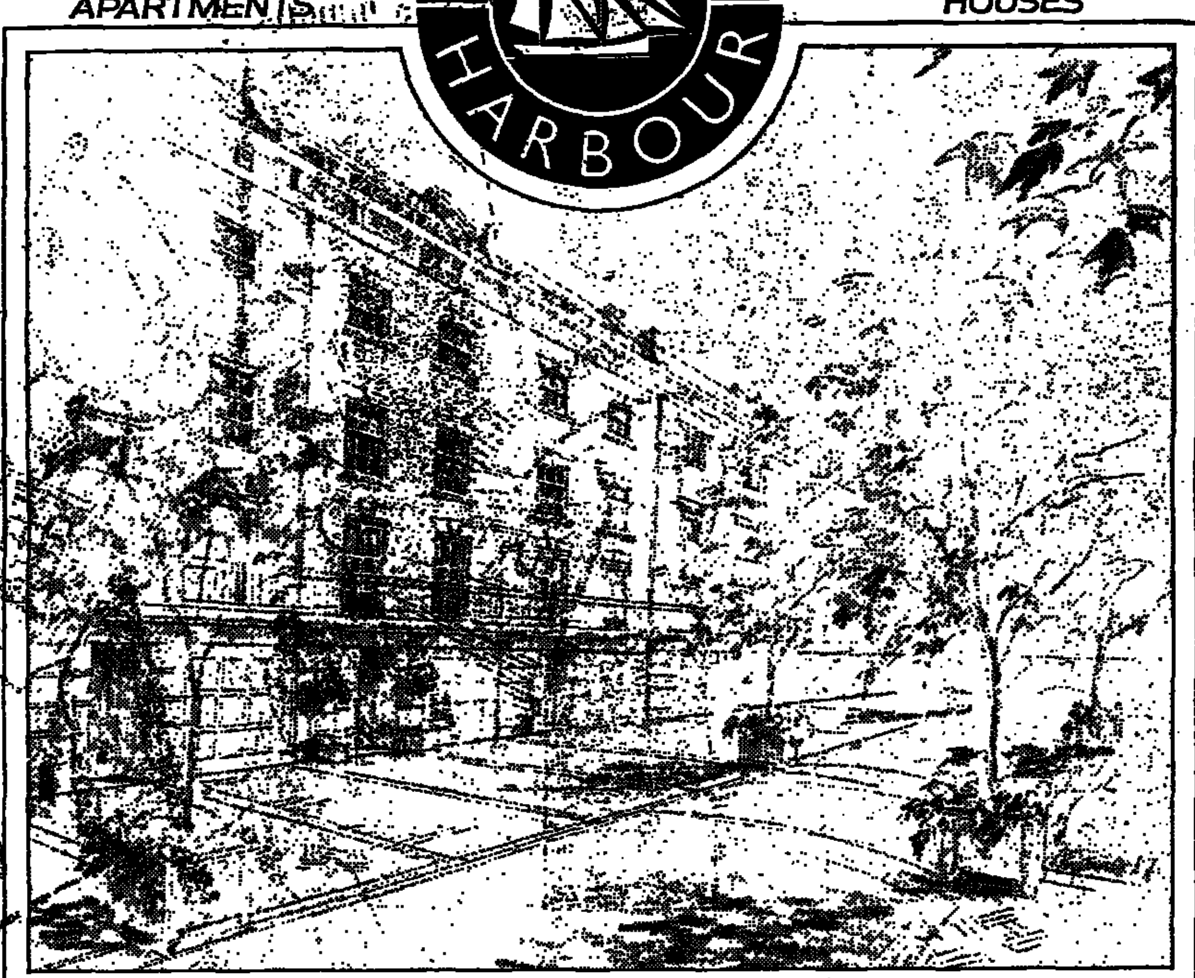

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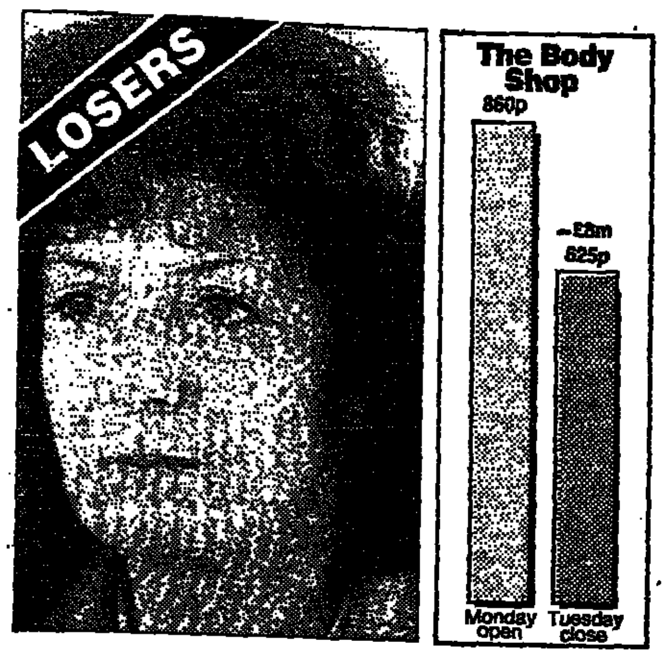
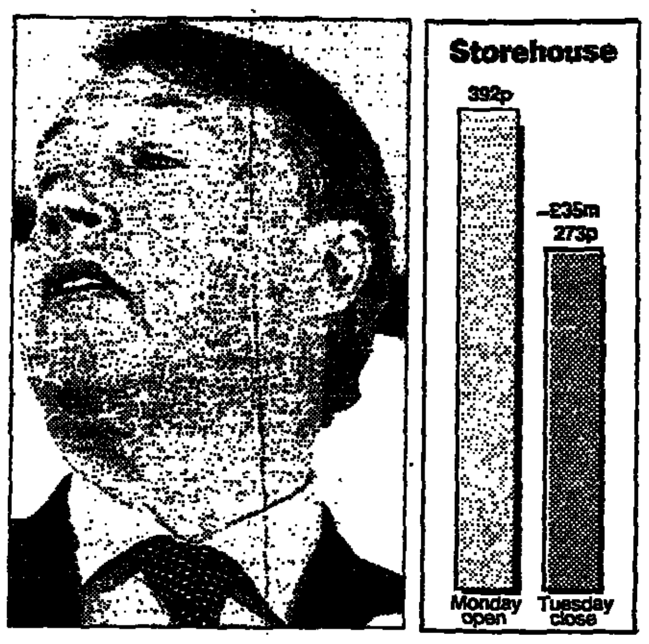
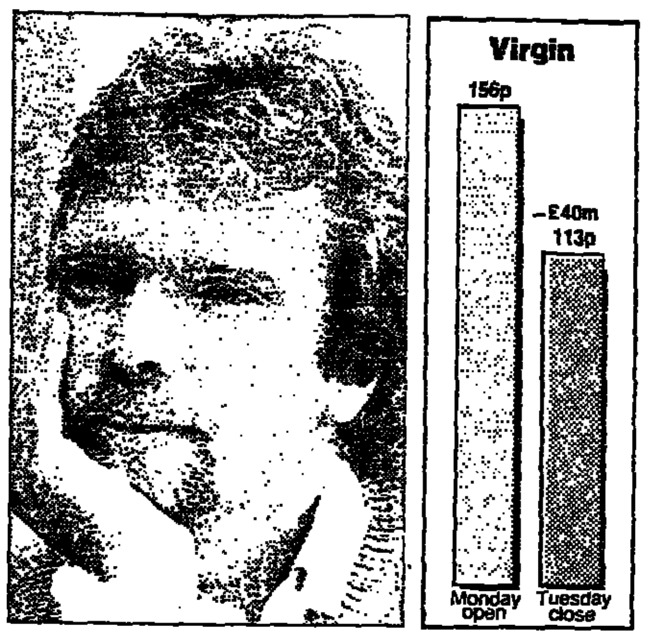


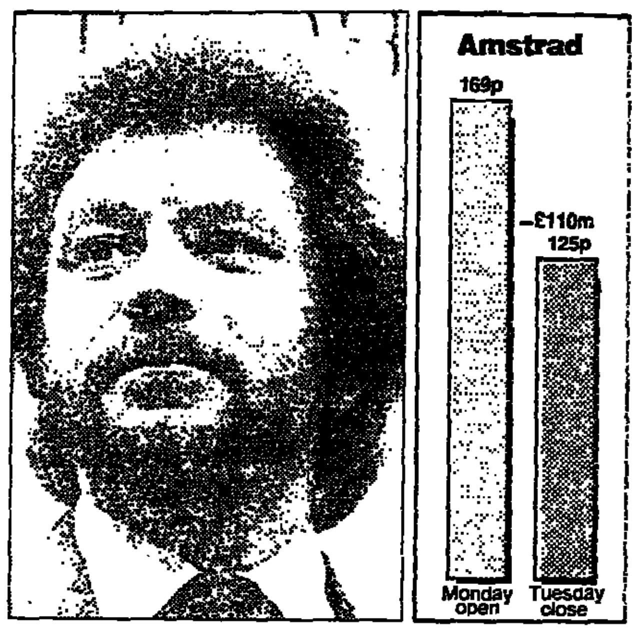
The Body Shop: Anita Roddick opened her first shop in Brighton in 1976 selling herbal cosmetics. In partnership with her husband, Gordon, and with £5,000 worth of backing from a local garage owner, she expanded rapidly, going public in April 1984. By then the company had seven shops and 92 franchise outlets, manufactured 25 per cent of its own products and forecast profits of £390,000. In the year to September 1986, profits had risen to £3.45 million.



Storehouse: Sir Terence Conran's Habitat — the first shop opened in 1964 — grew steadily through the Sixties and Seventies but exploded after going public in 1981. Within two months it had taken over Mothercare and, within four years, British Home Stores. Performance, though, has disappointed the City and recent speculation has centred on the possibility of a break-up of the company. The rumours have kept the share price well ahead in its sector.



Virgin: Created by Richard Branson from his chain of record shops. It expanded into related areas — record production, video and, lately, satellite broadcasting besides his much-publicized airline venture. Virgin went public in November last year bringing Branson himself more than £100 million. But the shares started badly and the first figures disappointed the Stock Market. Branson kept going, however, recently buying a controlling stake in the publisher W. H. Allen.



Amstrad: Brought to the Stock Market by Alan Sugar in 1980, when profits were a mere £1.3 million, the City was at first cautious of any company attempting to make money in the UK hi-fi industry. But progress was relentless; by 1985 profits had reached £20 million and Sugar stunned the industry by producing machines at a quarter the price of the competition. Profits for the last year came to £136 million and Sugar has just announced a new word processor.

'There will be a lot of second-hand Porsches and BMWs on the market'

● **Even without a bear market, the impact of the Big Bang has replaced the cosy existence of the dealers with a highly-pressured lifestyle dominated by the computer screen, Bryan Appleyard writes**

On Monday morning the City of London shuddered as it was brought face to face with the dark side of the Big Bang. Shares fell catastrophically and the FT index dropped 140 points in the first hour of trading — more than doubling the size of its previous record drop on August 6, "Black Thursday".

But, more importantly, Black Monday signalled that, for better or worse, we are all now part of a financial Global Village. Our markets are now far more subject to the whims and panics of the rest of the world. All the indications in Britain are reasonably good. The economy seems sound and company profits are high, but what drove the market down were big falls on Friday in Tokyo and Wall Street.

Even before the bull market became a bear market, however, the pressures caused by the Bang had created a new lifestyle in the City. An economist in his early thirties at an international bank explained: "Everybody talks about getting in at 7.15 in the morning. But the point is that I have to give a lecture to all the dealers and analysts on the world economy at that time. It's not a case of waking up over a quiet cup of coffee, you have to know everything the minute you walk in.

"And you can never get away from the screens. You have to look at them almost every 10 minutes and be ready with a view. You can't risk making a fool of yourself."

The effect, he said, was a small, self-contained, highly-stressed community. Juniors coming into his office frequently left after a week or two, unable to take the pressure.

Heather Barker, Director of the Central London branch of the Samaritans, said their callers had been getting progressively younger. Job pressures and the need to compete were now more frequently cited as a cause of intolerable stress and they, in turn, had put new pressures on relationships.

"We now often have calls from girlfriends or wives about their husbands or boyfriends never coming home from work," said Barker. Calls to the Samaritans in Central London totalled 100,000 last year, an increase of about 10 per cent. But calls from the under-30 age group were up 17 per cent. This year the number of new callers is 20 per cent up. And, although suicide rates in general are down, among the young they are up. The Samaritans say there are two contradictory reasons: unemployment and job pressures.

"There is plenty of evidence," said Barker, "that people are coming under peer pressure to perform. Horrendous relationship difficulties begin because people work all the hours that God sends. That leads to zero social life."

The Rev. David Burgess, vicar of St Lawrence Jewry in the heart of the City, said: "I don't see the very young — they tend to be rather brittle and preoccupied. But when they come to talk about marriage, I always find they are very ambivalent about issues like having children. I think it's better when one partner is not working in the City — that gives them some perspective. When both are working there they think of nothing but work.

"It's a particular problem with the financial sector rather than the professions. They are tied to the City and to the treadmill of high commitments based on high salaries."

The problem this week may not merely be an increase in pressure, there could also be a big decrease in jobs. Mergers and job losses have long been expected among financial institutions. A bear market could accelerate the process. "There will," said one banker, "be a lot of second-hand Porsches and BMWs on the market."

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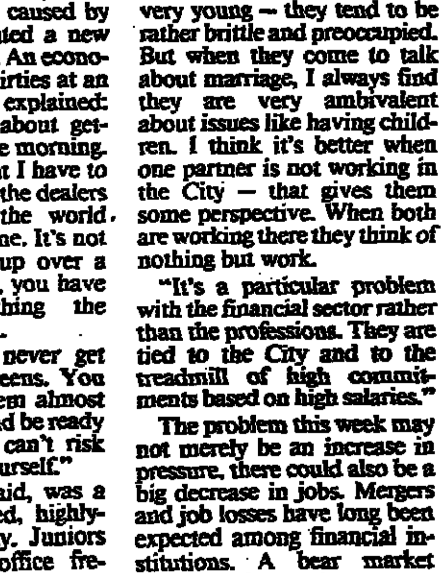

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Street wise

As stock markets bounce around, I recall that the widespread belief that the 1929 Wall Street crash produced an increased number of suicides was dismissed by John Kenneth Galbraith. In his book *The Great Crash 1929* – remaining copies of which were fought over in City bookshops yesterday – the economic guru reports that although the number of suicides did not rise either in the months of the crash or in 1929, the rate went up in the later depression years. "In memory, some of these tragedies may have been moved back a year or two." Galbraith believes that the public and newspapers seized on them to show that people were behaving appropriately in misfortune. He also uses statistics to dismiss that other great story: "Few people followed the classic method of jumping from a high window. One would-be suicide jumped into the Schuylkill River, although he changed his mind when he hit the water and was fished out."

City limits

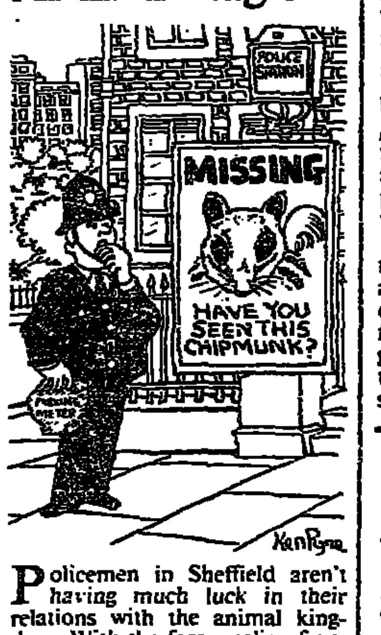
Fears that the topicality of Caryl Churchill's successful play *Serious Money*, about the less salubrious workings of the City, might be lost in the stock market ups and downs, are unfounded. Although the play is set during the seven months between Big Bang and the general election, "it is about greed and fear, and the possibility that the system might crash any minute is mentioned", the author reminded me yesterday. Alterations to the script are, however, under consideration, as the British production is moving next month to Joe Papp's Public Theatre in New York for six weeks as a Broadway tryout. Currently rehearsing with the new cast at Wyndhams, Caryl Churchill is thinking about taking out the reference to the British Gas share issue for American audiences. I should think some of the play's City-based angels will be glad of its returns after the past few days.

● **David Alton's controversial private member's bill to reduce the legal limit for abortion from 28 to 18 weeks will be introduced a week today on October 28 – one day after the 20th anniversary of the royal assent for David Steel's abortion bill. As if that isn't coincidence enough, it is also the feast of St Jude, patron saint of lost causes.**

Poor reception

Labour's fury with the BBC is not confined to Neil Kinnock who, as I reported yesterday, asks his staff each morning whether they have tuned into state radio – i.e., the *Today* programme. Peter Mandelson, the party's communications director, is also hopping mad. While preparing a paper for the NEC on the workings of the corporation, he had one of his staff telephone Patricia Hodgson, the newly appointed intermediary between the boards of governors and managers (and a former Tory candidate) for details of the composition of the two boards and the terms of reference for the new policy and planning unit. Mandelson was taken aback when instructed that the inquiry must be put in writing and, if it was to be dealt with promptly, biked round to the Beeb.

Animal magic



Policemen in Sheffield aren't having much luck in their relations with the animal kingdom. With the force reeling from the flak it took for using truncheons to clear a flat of bats, PC Brookes took special care when two old ladies called him to their high-rise flat to flush out a trapped squirrel. After covering the panicking animal in a canvas parking-meter hood, Brookes carefully released it in a nearby park and watched with satisfaction as it set up the nearest tree. Only later, reports the latest *Police* magazine, did a neighbour of the old ladies report her pet chipmunk, worth £250, was missing.

Rehabilitation

The perils of working at No 10 have just been brought home to Michael Horne, who has worked for Bernard Ingham, the Prime Minister's press secretary, for the past three years. Before rejoining the Foreign Office, where he will work for British Information Services in New York, I hear he is to be sent on a refresher course "to unlearn everything learnt in the past."

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Shepherd of a wayward flock

As Parliament reassembles, Julian Critchley assesses the task of the new Tory chief whip

In October 1959, after the third successive Conservative election victory, Iain Macleod called for the opposition to come from the ranks of the Tory party. Sadly, in the summer of 1963 it did. In 1959, Labour was disheartened and the Liberals driven into the Celtic fringes. Today, as Labour tries to come to terms with its third defeat and the Alliance settles old scores, opposition to Mrs Thatcher's "radicalism" must come from the government backbenches. Where will that leave David Waddington?

Waddington's appointment as chief whip in June surprised everyone save himself. He had had his eye on the job for some time. As Minister of State at the Home Office, he was responsible for immigration: his time was spent in keeping people out; today he will be doing his best to keep people in. With a majority of 102, which is too big for comfort, *pace* Francis Pym, "Wadders" will not find life easy. "Out of the frying pan," is his wry comment.

The fires will be stoked by the discharged and disenchanted. Among the discharged, John Biffen, once the most popular boy in school, has said openly what many have said privately for years, namely that Mrs Thatcher can be pretty insufferable. He is "not in the business of making life comfortable for her".

Waddington could be in for a hard time. As head of the party's "secret police", he may find it as hard to fill the shoes of his predecessor (John Wakeham) as Wakeham will to fill those of John Biffen. Waddington is respected but little known. His friends wonder whether he will be willing to listen, to suffer fools, which is a necessary talent for Tory chief whips. Those same friends speak warmly of his sense of humour, his intelligence and his capacity to take pains. A sense of humour when faced with a queue of Tories with doubts could be his, and our, saving grace.

As minister for immigration, Waddington had the most unpleasant job in the government. His task of having to administer new and tighter immigration regulations put him in the position of defending publicly the hardest of hard cases. He remembers with some affection a Tamil who claimed asylum on the grounds that he had hit a six into the grounds of a Buddhist monastery, the inhabitants of which promptly beat him up. The cricket-playing Tamil was in the end judged to have run himself out.

Waddington did win the admiration of his colleagues, who pay tribute to the care with which he considered every case, and the anxiety he expended on all save the obviously undeserving. At the time, he made no secret to his friends of wanting the chief whip's job, an ambition that happened to be shared by John Wakeham.

Were Waddington to favour introspection, he would do well to study the fates of previous chiefs whips, in particular that of Macmillan's, Martin Redmayne. Lord Whitelaw held the job in opposition, always an easier task. Francis Pym ran a tight ship with the help of a small majority, but the Heath government did not enjoy a second term. Michael Jopling had the benefit of victory in 1979, John Wakeham had to nurse the party through the trauma of Westland, and cope with a large majority. Waddington, like Redmayne nearly 30 years ago, has to face a third term in office. A large majority, when taken with a dispirited Opposition, is a prescription for trouble of all kinds, including the vexed question of a fourth term for Mrs Thatcher.

Waddington must cope with the disaffected and the newly elected. The party's 53 recruits cannot be easily satisfied. The carrots of junior office have all been distributed, only the sticks remain. Long nights in contentious bills over a period during which the government's popularity falls will sap the morale of all save the most ambitious. And there will be banana skins.

Waddington: a sense of humour

In the debate on the Queen's Speech, there was barely a voice, save for the party's virgins, which was not expressing doubt about some aspect of Mrs Thatcher's radicalism. The suggestion that schools might be sold off remains unconvincing; and doubts about the wisdom of a poll tax are widespread. It might just be that the party is not as radical as the Prime Minister pretends.

David Waddington has moved effortlessly through the middle ranks of government. Twenty years ago he starred in a BBC film entitled *A Year in the Life of . . .* In it he and his pretty wife spent their time on horseback, thundering across the northern fells, their voices lost to the wind. He may once again have to shout to make his voice heard. A Lancashire barrister from a textile family, Waddington has been called "effortlessly abrasive", and "tough and combative". He belongs to the old right of the party. Wakeham, wearing his old hat, took care to give him David Hunt as a more emollient deputy.

With Biffen to his right, Heseltine to his left, the "wets" below the gangway and Ted Heath dug in to the front, "Wadders" will have more opportunities that he might relish for keeping his nerve.

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Woodrow Wyatt

When strangers rule the roost

The problem Fiji has with the Commonwealth is not one of a military coup followed by a military dictatorship, whether short or long. The Commonwealth is stuff with dictatorships. Nor is it a problem of the denial of human rights. These are denied in many parts of the Commonwealth. Still less is it white versus coloured as in South Africa.

The problem is the Westminster one-man, one-vote system of electing a government. It works in Britain today and in the old Commonwealth countries, but is decidedly shaky in many of the new Commonwealth countries, with India the most triumphant exception so far. In bequeathing Westminster-style government to countries under British rule there was an assumption that, as the British system is intrinsically best, it must succeed everywhere, however different the conditions. The optimism was misplaced.

Fiji has belonged to the Melanesians since recorded history. It was the British who imported the Indians to operate the plantations, because the native Fijians are notoriously not enamoured of hard work. This is not yet an international crime and must be a matter of free choice. As the Indian immigrants rolled in, the Fijians never supposed that one day their numerical strength would give them and their descendants, on the Westminster pattern, control of the country. It was the liberal, high-minded British who made that possible without much thought for the future, or regard for human nature.

James I has been dead for centuries. The effect of his legacy in settling large numbers of Protestants in Ireland remains with us. The Protestants of Northern Ireland still seem alien to the indigenous Irish and always will. That they are a handsome majority in Northern Ireland and therefore dominate this part of Ireland, detached from the rest of the country, will inflame large numbers of Irish Roman Catholics for many more years, making a solution to the so-called Northern Ireland problem impossible.

Strangers can be popular or acceptable so long as they do not rule. The Norman Conquest did not end with the Battle of Hastings, but was followed by decades of brutality by foreign armies, which terminated with the invaders becoming so intermingled with the indigenous population that it at last became fashionable to claim Norman descent. Scottish anti-English nationalism erupts from time to time and is never entirely extinguished. In Wales resentment of the strangers from England, which conquered Wales, occasionally leads to the burning of their weekend cottages.

If seemingly rational people in these islands are not yet fully reconciled to the presence of strangers, whose ancestors came long ago, dominating their affairs, how can we expected the Fijians meekly to accept a very recent change in their status brought about, not by military conquest, but by British-induced peaceful immigration?

Other countries take precautions against this type of eventuality. The population of Kuwait was 1,695,000 in 1985. The majority are not Kuwaitis but come from Palestine, other Arab countries, Iran and the Indian subcontinent. The 42 per cent who are Kuwaiti hold all the power and the rest may not become Kuwaiti citizens. Kuwait is taking no chances with a nice liberal British one-man, one-vote situation, either now or in the future. But there appear to be no international complaints from Rajiv Gandhi or anyone else. Saudi Arabia has a population of 12.5 million, of which a third are non-Saudis. They can whistle for any influence input into the management of Saudi Arabia. Malaya unnaturally and ungeographically separated from Singapore to form a far-flung Malaysian Federation to avoid becoming ruled by Chinese.

It is difficult to migrate to modern India, and generally you must live there for 12 years before an application for citizenship can be entertained. I believe very few are granted. Switzerland, West Germany and France operate similar restraints on the acquisition of citizenship. The indigenous populations do not intend to lose control of their own country to floods of immigrants. The current population figures for Fiji – 330,000 Fijians, 348,000 Indians and 37,000 others – are unlikely to make them diminish their resolve.

Which brings us to the question of immigration here. Hugh Gaitskell's father was in the Indian civil service. He romantically believed that the privilege, *civis Romanus sum*, with voting rights automatically attached, applied to all in the new and old British Empire and Commonwealth, with no limit to the number of immigrants. When I asked him whether he would feel the same if the numbers arriving from the new Commonwealth rose to five or 10 million or more he dismissed the notion as ridiculous. Though little has been said here in favour of the military coup in Fiji, I suspect that a strong majority, like me, sympathizes with Colonel Rabuka, if the letters I get from *News of the World* readers commenting on my weekly column are anything to go by.

We are an immensely long way from a Fijian situation, but there is an apprehension that it is already arising in some areas of the country where there is a high concentration of coloured immigrants. The introduction of non-Western culture into schools which contain pupils of Western extraction alarms many parents. The prominence of non-white leaders in some councils would be accepted with more tranquillity if so many of them did not aggressively proclaim their racism. In the view of many whites, they influence schooling, housing and employment in a pro-coloured and anti-white manner.

The decison of the Court of Appeal that the Home Secretary could not deport six Tamils who had illegally entered the country fuelled the fear that immigration could rise enormously by dint of the intending immigrant merely claiming he is frightened to stay in his own country. It is easier to be tolerant of newcomers when their numbers are low, less easy when they begin to mount rapidly. Last year 18,500 new coloured immigrants, with full voting rights, settled here. That was only some 900 fewer than in 1984. Controls on immigration with the right to vote must be still tighter if growing friction is to be avoided.

Peter Brimelow on the financial experts who were caught out in the worst Wall Street crisis since the great crash of 1929

The gurus gored

New York

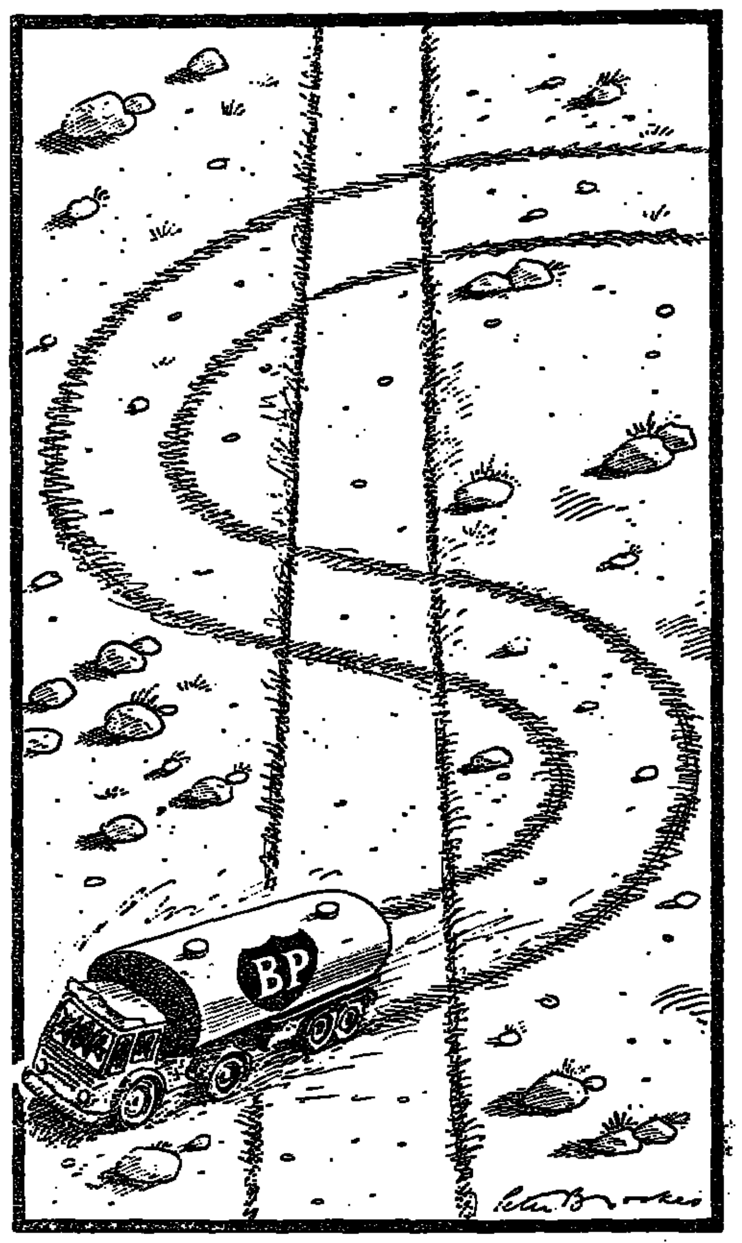
A disaster like Monday's Wall Street collapse is so overwhelming that the survivors are stunned into silence. It will take many years for the investment community to assimilate the effects – even supposing the free-fall does not continue. The effects are being felt around the world, not least in London, where prices have continued to drop, leading to some embarrassment for the government with its latest privatization venture, BP.

Nevertheless, some perspective is in order. The Dow Jones industrial average went from about 750 in August 1982 to above 2700 in August 1987 without one single "correction" – Wall Street language for a temporary pullback period. And its correction since December 1974, the point from which most commentators date the "primary" or long-term bull market, had been neither sharp nor substantial. This was completely unprecedented. Like California earthquakes, a big shock was just a matter of time.

Even after the recent losses, the Dow is still at the levels of mid-1986. The stock market is supposed to presage the economy, but this hardly suggests a marked turn for the worse. And in fact the US economy is pottering along with no particular visible weakness. Of course, the stock market shock cannot help confidence, and conceivably could itself precipitate problems in the financial system.

Before Monday, there were prophets of doom complaining about the federal budget deficits, trade imbalances and other abstractions. But their arguments had not altered since President Reagan came into office, after which the longest boom in the modern era had occurred. An Indian immigrant, Professor Ravi Batra, has just published a bestseller called *The Great Depression of 1990*. But his arguments are essentially moralistic assertions – and anyway, he predicted that the stock market would rise for another two years.

In the stock market, as opposed to the economy, the mood among advisers was not especially optimistic. Everyone knew perfectly well that the bull market had gone on far longer than usual, and that, by standard technical measures, it had reached and indeed



exceeded its maximum potential. But the market had brutally gored everyone daring to predict its demise. Even Joe Granville of the *Granville Letter*, a famous bear who actually published a book in 1984 drawing scores of parallels to 1929, had conceded he was wrong.

Of all the leading investment services, only one got almost completely out and stayed out: Charles Allmon of *Growth Stock Outlook*, since mid-1986. Monday's action probably means he is about where he would have been if he had ridden the market up and down.

The great guru of this bull market was Robert Prechter, editor of the *Elliott Wave Theorist* and exponent of an intricate – and to many incomprehensible – theory that discerns patterns in market movements. For several years, Prechter consistently predicted that the Dow would reach undreamed of heights, and he also predicted the interim breaks with uncanny accuracy. He did it again last week. And although he advised his clients to buy back in on Monday it was with provisos that ensured that they did not in fact do so when the disaster became apparent.

Currently, there are rumours that Prechter will now abandon his long projected peak of 3600 on the Dow. His long projected low for the subsequent bear market is an incredible 70. Needless to say, a 500 point daily move seemed incredible last week too.

Perhaps the most remarkable performance came from Dr Martin Zweig of the *Zweig Forecast*. Zweig is a frenetic short term trader, but according to the meticulous Washington DC based *Hulbert Financial Digest* monitoring service he has made money in each of the past seven years. And on Monday his portfolio gained an astonishing 9 per cent by selling "puts" – the right to buy back at a lower price. A shaken Zweig now says the market is too volatile to touch but that a buying opportunity may develop later.

At the other extreme is Norman Fosdack's very long term, and successful, *Market Logic*. Fosdack has been expecting a bear market, but after Monday he calmly announced the market would return to new highs this year.

Special mention should be made of Richard Russell's *Dow Theory Letter*. Russell's service is idiosyncratic and so vague that the *Hulbert Financial Digest* cannot monitor it in any detail. But he won undying fame for clearly announcing the end of the 1968-74 bear market right on cue in December 1974. And now he has done it again, announcing the beginning of a primary bear market some days ago.

Even Russell, however, did not expect what amounts to an entire bear market to be compressed into one week. A primary bear market is not the end of the world, but this type of volatility puts people in an apocalyptic mood.

It is particularly disturbing given that the real losses in the "great crash" occured in the two or three years *after* 1929 – and that they were caused, and the depression prolonged, by panic-stricken government efforts to recoup the situation.

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Unionists await Anglo-Irish disagreement

There are signs that Ulster Unionists actually relish today's Anglo-Irish inter-governmental conference in Belfast between Tom King, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, and Brian Lenihan, the republic's foreign minister.

It is not a case of conversion on the part of the Unionists. As a matter of principle they still abhor the presence in Stormont Castle of a minister from the republic, and detest the republic's involvement in the running of Northern Ireland. They want the conference ended and its back-up secretariat of civil servants abolished. But in the absence of any clearly defined strategy, the Unionists are pinning their immediate hopes on the British and Irish governments falling out.

Their belief that the governments may be heading for their first major dispute since the signing of the Anglo-Irish agreement two years ago has been prompted by Dr Garret FitzGerald, the former Irish Prime Minister. His contribution to a private British-Irish Association meeting in Cambridge last month alerted the Unionists to the depth of the differences between the governments over the linked issues of judicial reform in Ulster and the extradition of wanted terrorists from the republic.

His statement was greeted by Unionists as the first proof of their claim that there had been secret deals in the run-up to the signing of the Anglo-Irish agreement in November 1985.

The spectacle of dismayed British ministers protesting that Mrs Thatcher had made no specific formal commitment to Dr FitzGerald revived the spirit of Unionists. "Garret FitzGerald, the man who made and then unmade the Anglo-Irish agreement," one remarked in a mock attempt at fixing FitzGerald's epitaph.

In an obvious attempt to limit the effect on Unionists, FitzGerald has modified his stance since Cambridge and has maintained that the agreement is working well. The two governments are trying to work out a compromise which will avoid the embarrassment of a stalemate over extradition and the courts.

The timing of FitzGerald's remarks, however, was more important than what he said. He has revived the morale of Unionists at a time when their campaign against the agreement has been falling apart: the boycott of Westminster and the civil disobedience campaign of the 28 local councils have failed; a 400,000 signature petition to the Queen against the agreement has been ignored; and they have lost two Westminster seats to the Social Democratic and Labour Party.

So far Ulster Unionism, which has resolved many crises since Gladstone's first Home Rule Bill in 1886, has not shown the capacity to transcend its present difficulties. One possible way out was provided by a report, *An End to Drift*, by a task force of leading Unionist politicians. Its authors, Harold McCusker and Frank Millar, respectively deputy leader and general secretary of the Official Unionists, and Peter Robinson, Ian Paisley's fiery deputy leader in the Democratic Unionists, recommended the resumption of dialogue with the government to find an alternative to the Anglo-Irish agreement and a renewed campaign against the agreement.

A key section of the report revealed new willingness to contemplate participation of the nationalist SDLP in a restored devolved assembly. A new generation of Unionists appeared on the verge of an historic compromise with Irish constitutional nationalism. The old guard of unionism decided otherwise and appears to have shelved the report. Last month the leader of the Alliance party, John Cushnahan, resigning for financial reasons, said he was pessimistic about early progress being made on devolution, because James Molyneaux, leader of the Official Unionists, and Ian Paisley were opposed to it.

This was followed by Millar's announcement that he was leaving to take up a job as a television researcher in London. In turn, the resignation of Robinson brought into the open the discontent of the younger generation.

Meanwhile, Molyneaux and Paisley have engaged in "talks about talks" with senior officials from the Northern Ireland Office. On September 14 King joined them for a session. They are due to meet again next month.

Although the two leaders have kept secret the contents of their Stormont talks, the general feeling among the Unionist rank and file is that they will produce little, if anything. There are mutterings of leadership challenges inside both Unionist parties, and speculation that Robinson might join the Official Unionists and spearhead a realignment in Ulster politics.

John Cooney

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A depilatory for Dan

In between doing the cooking and the shopping a modern saint of the sex war called Trefor Lloyd is about to launch a magazine for the new, caring man.

To be called *Everyman*, it will provide for the hard-pressed male the kind of homely hints, comforts and support which women's magazines dished out before women moved on to the offensive and liberated themselves from serfdom.

In addition to articles about underpants and aftershave, there will be a problem page serviced by three "agony uncles". I see them as Uncle Ben, Uncle Percy and Uncle Den, (the wicked one), each with their area of expertise. Here is a taste of what we can expect:

Dear Uncle Ben . . . I am 50 years old and all my life I have been trying to grow a beard. But all I can get on my chin are bristles. This makes me look fierce, when I want to look sensitive. I have always been big for my age and strong. But girls just see me as a hunk of flesh and call me violent. How can I soften my image? Please help. I am desperate. Dan.

Dear Desperate Dan . . . Crikey! Don't you understand that all that swaggering male behaviour is based on a deep uncertainty about your role in the modern world. If you must dress up like a cowboy, people will treat you like one. Leave off that revolver, get some new clothes and stop worrying about your beard. Call it stubble and take up charitable work.

Dear Uncle Den . . . I have always loved women, but never seem to be able to get beyond the chatting-up stage. I have had 286 dates and not so much as a tickle. Where am I going wrong. Yours, Naim.

Dear Mr Attallah . . . Your mistake was to ask them to lunch. Make it dinners next time. And try talking to them.

Dear Uncle Percy . . . The aunts are always on at me to get spliced. But what with one thing and another, the old path to the altar remains about as elusive to yours truly as the splendours of Nineveh to the average, run of the mill, Mesopotamian swineherd. My problem is that I already have a perfect relationship with a man and do not see how marriage could improve the Wooster lot. But how can I put this to the aunts? Yours Bertie.

Dear Mr Wooster . . . Stop living in the past. Nowadays it is perfectly acceptable to set up house with a man if you have found one who does things for you. When the aunts call, he can pretend to be the butler.

Dear Uncle Den . . . My problem began when my mother sent me abroad when I was only 16. I was abused by foreigners, sold into slavery, and seduced by an elderly Turkish lady, who ill-treated me. I think I have come to terms with my past now, but I don't appear to be able to relate to any one woman. I only seem to meet girls who are interested in one night stands. I am not looking for love. I don't believe in it. But I don't want to be used and abused for the rest of my life. Yours Don.

Dear Mr Juan . . . Do not reproach yourself. I think you are afraid to say you are looking for love because all the miseries of your past make you feel you do not deserve love. Believe me, it was not your fault. Do not go around looking for more rejection. Love is real. But you have to find it. PS. When you have finished with it, can I have your address book?

Dear Uncle Ben . . . I am thinking of starting a magazine for the new, caring, bewildered man. Do you think men would buy it? Yours Trev.

Dear Trev . . . No. But I can think of some women who would get a good laugh out of it.

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1929 AND ALL THIS

The governments of the leading free world economic powers have reacted swiftly and positively to the threat posed by the international collapse of share prices. In doing so, they provide the best hope of avoiding a repeat of the 1929 crash and the Thirties slump, which became a real danger on Monday.

The instinctive reaction of politicians to unexpected and inconvenient movements in financial markets is to dismiss them. Markets are notoriously volatile, they say, and the economy is fundamentally sound. In the wake of a sudden collapse in stock market prices, this is a healthy instinct, particularly if, as in Britain this week, the crash was not triggered by any new mishap or danger signal in the country's own economic affairs.

The first priority is, indeed, to bolster confidence by assuring the public that everything in the "real" world is normal; that they should take their cue from the healthy economy, not from the stock market spasm. The Chancellor of the Exchequer was engaged on precisely this exercise yesterday, as was his Japanese counterpart half a world away in Tokyo. After an emergency meeting in Frankfurt, the US Treasury Secretary and the West German Finance Minister, whose apparent disagreements had led to the steepest falls in share and bond prices on Monday, reaffirmed their joint commitment to stabilize exchange rates and avoid unnecessary rises in interest rates.

These soothing messages seem to have had a beneficial effect. It may be that markets were all along merely adjusting to the expected fall in the pace of economic growth in the United States, Britain and elsewhere from 1988 onwards. Changes in the way markets are organized may have made them capable, in the normal course of business, of mimicking the crash of 1929 – without repeating it.

Complicated investment strategies, common now in the United States, use computers to signal automatic selling to cut losses when share prices have fallen sharply. In London, a new generation of dealers face anonymous cathode ray tubes instead of their customers. Mesmerized by the technology, they grow fearful of backing their own judgement, and try to keep ahead of the constantly changing prices flashing up on the computer screens. Prices, therefore, fluctuate faster and farther.

There comes a point, however, when assertions of normality by politicians are not enough. That point is reached when asset prices have moved so far that they change the prospects for the rest of the economy by themselves, when financial conditions are so altered that markets are incapable of bouncing back on their own. Investors are poorer, traders have lost their capital, risks are greater, credit for investment dries up.

That point of no return has probably not been reached in London, Frankfurt or Tokyo. There remains a risk of collapse, notably in New York. If that were to be realized, other leading markets would find it hard to avoid the contagion. They communicate instantly. They follow each other round the international clock. The same banks, investment institutions and securities houses deal in all the leading markets.

Leadership must, therefore, be asserted. Alongside measures to allay fear must go plans to counteract the cumulative effects of falling security prices. Otherwise a a mild cyclical recession will become a worldwide slump. There are already some signs that governments and bankers are thinking this way. That should give a much-needed fillip to confidence.

Such plans were absent in 1929. Then there had been a long stock market boom, increasingly driven by speculation on credit and by investment in companies that borrowed heavily in the hope of disproportionately large profits. When the bubble burst, many investors were ruined overnight, forced to cut their own personal spending and sell their other assets.

Banks were submerged under bad debts. Customers who had deposited money lost their savings. The supply of credit to business and industry dried up. Food and commodity prices tumbled. The banking authorities took an orthodox line, resisting cuts in interest rates and refusing to supply money to high-risk financial institutions. President and Congress succumbed to protectionism. Thus did the stock market crash swiftly cause the collapse of the American economy. It did not fully recover until the Second World War.

In theory, the story could be repeated now. Before the events of the last few days, inflation in the United States and excessive growth of personal borrowing in Britain both pointed to higher interest rates. The subsequent collapse in share values has transformed the credit background, pointing, if anything, to a policy of lower interest rates. A leap of imagination, open to misunderstanding abroad, would be needed to make such a sudden switch.

In the Twenties the leading stock markets depended heavily on credit – in the Eighties, much less so. Governments now stand firmly behind national banks as lenders of last resort, as the Bank of England demonstrated in 1974. It does no harm for political leaders to emphasize that. The US Federal Reserve has already made it clear that it will not repeat the mistakes of 1929.

In his turn, Mr Nigel Lawson should now view the Treasury's impending £7.5 billion sale of BP shares in terms of its effect on confidence. If private investors do not buy the shares, they will have to be taken by financial institutions that have guaranteed the sale for a fee, draining funds from the market.

The Treasury does not need the money. Mr Lawson will not want to protect underwriters from loss, but nor will he wish to see BP end up in the hands of big investors at home and abroad at the expense of wider share ownership.

The top priority in his decision must be the effect on confidence. It may help that confidence if he sticks to business as usual and continues with the sale in its present form. But if, as presently seems likely, it would hurt the markets, he should cancel the sale, or ensure that the Bank of England will relieve any strain on liquidity.

All such domestic action is, however, of limited importance. In one respect, the background is now more difficult than in 1929. The international financial and economic systems are much more interdependent. Gone, for instance, are the days of 1975 when the Prudential and other City institutions agreed to buy shares simultaneously and thereby reversed the London stock market collapse. Still less would it be possible for the United States or Britain to cut interest rates in isolation. Money would merely flood to other countries, adding to exchange rate instability.

International imbalances stemming from different national economic policies are the underlying cause of present fears. Interest rates, inflation rates, budget policies all still diverge widely. The consequent trade surpluses and deficits ensure volatile exchange rates and unstable financial markets. Some progress has been made, for instance in cutting Japan's trade surplus and America's budget deficit – but not enough. Markets will remain unstable until the sources of imbalance, particularly the US budget deficit, are removed.

President Reagan and the US Congress need to respond to the message of the markets and take action to adjust the Federal government's finances before the next presidential election. After years of stalemate Congress has at last shown some sign of wishing to compromise on the new budget projection for 1988, which requires emergency action even to keep within its generous deficit target.

This year's Louvre agreement for governments to stabilize exchange rates by dealing in the currency markets has already shown signs of breaking down. In a crisis, the finance ministers of the seven leading economic nations have been forced to swift rounds of telephone talks to strengthen it.

But it is only a stop-gap measure. Now is the moment for Mr Lawson to pursue his plan for more permanent management of exchange rate changes, in conjunction with the proposals of Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, to ensure a regime that does not accommodate inflation. Since both want the new system to evolve with experience, there is no need for a formal international conference like the post-war Bretton Woods.

Recession is also unlikely to be avoided unless the present trend to worldwide protection in trade blocs is reversed. The Trade Bill now being put together by the two parts of the US Congress, though aimed principally at Japan, would rapidly accelerate that trend. It echoes pre-war protectionist legislation, not just in the United States, which converted world trade from an agent of higher growth into a further cause of slump.

The onus is on Mr Noboru Takeshita, the incoming Japanese prime minister to display hitherto undiscovered leadership qualities in promoting open trade. He must do so in the context of the current Gatt talks to remove trade barriers. They seem likely to last an acrimonious four years. They should now be speeded up.

It would be foolhardy in the extreme for world leaders to assume that they can undo the crash on stock markets simply by expressions of mutual support and confidence. Conditions have changed. The post-war economic arrangements, inadequate as they ultimately proved, were a belated response to the lessons of the pre-war crash and slump. A new system of international economic co-operation is needed in time to prevent a recurrence.

Mileage frauds

From Mr D. R. Robinson

Sir, Recent discussion of "clocking" car mileage recorders (report, October 13) has tended to emphasize how difficult it is to control this particular fraud.

In New Zealand, when I purchased a second-hand car for a journey around the country, I noticed in the vehicle registration document that not only were all previous owners listed, but also the mileage at every change of ownership.

With the computer facilities available at Swansea, can we not introduce a similar system?

Yours faithfully,
D. R. ROBINSON,
Higher Oldborough,
Morchard Bishop,
Crediton, Devon.

Access to papers

From Mr G. Chowdharay-Best

Sir, Whatever the shortcomings of the cataloguing in publication programme (letters, September 11, 16, 17, 25; October 3, 14), there is no doubt that it has vastly improved the accessibility of recent British books at the British Library in Bloomsbury; and for this most researchers are grateful.

A much more serious problem at present is the appalling delay in making newspapers and weekly publications available at the Newspaper Library at Colindale, where it is not uncommon to be told that anything published after 1983 cannot be seen.

Exceptions are made for certain publications such as your own; but the irony persists that most of these can easily be seen elsewhere, whereas those which, as a library of the last resort, the BL has in a sense a duty to make available, disappear into a limbo of inaccessibility between the time when public libraries and back-numbers departments discard them (generally after a year or two) and their availability at Colindale.

If this problem could now be addressed with determination, I feel sure it could be solved.

Yours faithfully,
G. CHOWDHARAY-BEST,
27 Walpole Street, SW3.

Tax on marriage

From Mr James McNeilage

Sir, From your leader in today's *Times* (October 12) it appears that one of the main reasons that Nigel Lawson has abandoned the wise and fair transferable allowance system in his Green Paper is fierce opposition from the extreme feminist groups, because it would reduce the incentive for married women to go out to work.

What these people are really saying is that we must use the tax system of the country to force women, who would rather do a wife and mother's job properly, out to work. As one who has spent 40 years in management in a business employing mainly women I have seen all too often the extreme strain so many working mothers have undergone. To use the tax system to force them into this situation is wholly evil.

We know only too well the effect on child delinquency and indiscipline the so called latch-key syndrome has caused. I have seen the broken marriages resulting from overworked and overstressed women and yet an opportunity to reduce some of this is to be lost because a Chancellor is too cowardly to stand up to a fringe of frustrated fanatics.

Yours faithfully,
J. O. McNEILAGE,
Lochaber,
Ufford Place,
Woodbridge, Suffolk.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fears for effects of social fund

From the Director of the National Council for One Parent Families

Sir, This council would add its voice to the growing body of those who fear the effects of the new social fund. Over half a million lone parents rely on the current system of single payments which the social fund replaces. Currently they are by right entitled to a number of payments for household goods and other "one-off" items of expenditure vital to re-establishing their lives on the breakdown of marriage. Lone parents are the largest group of claimants to be affected by the changes.

The Government has argued that the premiums making up the new system of income support will give greater independence in spending power to those living on benefits, to ensure that the social fund is only a "residual" source of exceptional funding. Hence amounts from the fund will be distributed at the discretion of local DHSS officials, to be paid back out of claimants' budgeting on income support.

This might be valid if the amounts paid out in premiums are generous enough to meet the Government's expressed intentions. Few believe they will be. If our fears prove correct the social fund will become a source of desperation, not help, for lone parents.

The fund itself is discretionary, with no right of appeal. Our long-established experience as an advice agency which rapidly picks up on the real effects of policy change leads us to suspect that, with the best will in the world, hard-pressed local officials will make snap decisions on the ground of personal prejudice. Past experience suggests that people's personal or sexual lives are too often used as a basis to judge need.

The paying back of loans on inadequate premium levels will rapidly become a nightmare for individual lone parents and the new armies of debt counsellors that will be needed to help them to budget, increasing the strain on all agencies concerned. Far from giving independence to lone parents on benefit, it will increase official interference in their lives and make them even more dependent.

The Government says that it will keep an open mind on the working of the social fund. We believe the strictest monitoring will be necessary to avert hardship and heartache. On this issue at least the Government must be prepared to listen to the impact of its reforms as reported by organisations like our own, operating at the sharp end of the changes.

Yours faithfully,
SUE SLIPMAN, Director,

National Council for One Parent Families,
255 Kentish Town Road, NW5.
October 19.

Sales from museums

From Sir Denis Mahon, FBA

Sir, May I warmly welcome the statement of policy of the Chairman of the National Gallery Trustees (October 16) to the effect that his board opposes, as a matter of principle, the sale of any paintings held in trust by it for the nation?

The inference from his letter (though not spelled out) is that he and his colleagues would be greatly relieved if, following the reaction from experienced quarters to what may be no more than preliminary official thinking, the unwanted power were to be simply omitted from the proposed Bill.

In your columns as long ago as September 9 the Chairman of the National Art-Collections Fund wrote urging "the dropping of this dangerous proposal". It is widely supposed that the governing bodies of the three great national galleries affected and the Museums and Galleries Commission all profoundly desire its abandonment, realizing that its potential repercussions have not been sufficiently thought through.

Cannot these respected bodies join the private sector as represented by the National Art-Collections Fund in making their desire clear publicly in an unequivocal manner, thereby helping to save everyone seriously concerned with these matters an immensity of anxiety, trouble and controversy?

Yours faithfully,
DENIS MAHON,
33 Cadogan Square, SW1.
October 17.

Word of honour

From Mr Harry Flowers

Sir, I think Mr Gerald Bonner (October 14) is mistaken in suggesting that the oath should be abolished. After more than 30 years' practice as a solicitor in the sheriff courts in Scotland, I have found that not only Christians, but Jews and Muslims will give wildly optimistic statements about their case in the privacy of my own office in advance of a trial.

Then, after taking the oath with head covered or swearing on the Koran, an absolutely accurate account has been given, very much contrary to the witness's interests.

Sometimes there are problems with oaths, as when a Persian doctor turned out to be a Zoroastrian, and neither he nor anyone else knew how he should properly take the oath.

My most amusing recollection is of a non-Christian witness from overseas who had taken the oath in Christian form. In those days in Scotland the form of the oath was: "I swear by almighty God and as I shall answer to God at the great day of judgement, that I will tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth".

In cross-examination I asked him: "When is the great day of judgement?" Answer: "I dunno. Today maybe."

"Do you know what the truth is?" Answer: "I certainly do not."

"Are you a Christian?" Answer: "I dunno. Funny things happen to you when you come to this country."

Yours faithfully,
H. FLOWERS,
Flowers & Co,
134 Holland Street,
Glasgow.

Unified effort to right gale damage

From the President of the Landscape Institute

Sir, The full extent of the damage wrought by the vicious storms of last Thursday and Friday is only now beginning to emerge.

During the next few days electricity will be returned to homes and work and within six months the bulk of the damage to buildings and property will be repaired. What cannot be put right for many decades, if at all, is the devastating damage caused to our landscape heritage by the scything effect of the hurricane-force winds.

With one third of the mature specimen trees of Kew Botanical Gardens down and extensive areas of the royal parks, town parks, historic gardens, street trees, hedges and woodlands affected, the damage is catastrophic.

Since the Great Storm of 1703 many of the great landscapes of Capability Brown, Repton and other more modern landscape designers have matured to form the green backcloth of our society. When added to the devastation of the past 20 years in terms of Dutch elm and other diseases, drought and frost damage, matters have now reached disaster proportions.

Whilst the cost of repair to property could cost insurance companies as much as £300 million, no established funds are available to replace the trees.

The Landscape Institute, as the professional institute of landscape architects, landscape managers and landscape scientists, wishes to take a strong lead in initiating and co-ordinating a replanting programme as soon as practicable. Part of this will be to seek specific sponsorship for certain projects.

Yours sincerely,
CEDRIC LISNEY, President,
The Landscape Institute,
12 Carlton House Terrace, SW1.
October 19.

From Mrs Aline Royalton-Kisch

Sir, After the recent terrible destruction of our landscape, there will have to be much planting of trees. I do most earnestly hope that top priority will be given to this awesome task.

A proper mix of the lovely varieties that have long adorned our countryside should be the goal, and a firm stand against mass planting of conifers must be taken.

Plans should be put in hand immediately, possibly under the auspices of Kew Gardens, who have suffered so terribly themselves.

There are now, I believe, disease-resistant elms which should be included and it would be a great comfort to us all if we could leave behind us a landscape of even greater beauty than that which has been lost.

Yours faithfully,
ALINE ROYALTON-KISCH,
2 Edwardes Square, W8.
October 19.

From Mr H. Berger

Sir, Supposing the Met Office had not got it wrong; what difference would that have made, apart possibly from the damage to shipping?

Yours etc,
H. BERGER,
106 Cassiobury Drive,
Watford, Hertfordshire.
October 17.

From Mr Roy Dean

Sir, It is customary to give hurricanes a name. Since Friday's great storm caught us unprepared, I suggest it should be christened "Ethelred".

Yours faithfully,
ROY DEAN,
14 Blyth Road,
Bromley, Kent.
October 17.

Peace in Ulster

From Mr Hugh Dykes, MP for Harrow East (Conservative)

Sir, John D. Taylor, MP, (October 15) attacks the Anglo-Irish Agreement claiming that "everyone knows" that claims for it are baseless.

The House of Commons delivered an overwhelming – historic – decision in favour of the Agreement: 473 members supported and only 47, including Mr Taylor and the Unionist members, opposed it. This decision reflected a wide view in Britain that the Agreement represented a major step toward bringing peace, stability and reconciliation to Northern Ireland.

The IRA and "loyalist" paramilitaries have, of course, tried to show that the Agreement cannot work because they have a common interest in violence, instability and the obstruction of reconciliation between the divided communities in Northern Ireland.

The IRA in particular is threatened by progress on security co-operation between Dublin and London under the Agreement, and by the swing, since the Agreement, within the nationalist community away from Sinn Fein and toward the SDLP, the political voice of constitutional nationalism in Northern Ireland.

We cannot expect the terrorists to see the advantages of the Agreement, because it does indeed threaten them. The vast majority of members of Parliament, and of the British people, expect however that Mr Taylor and his Unionist colleagues should recognise that the Agreement poses no threat whatsoever for the Unionist people.

On the contrary, the Agreement, which is firmly established and has the full support and commitment on the part of the British and Irish governments, is making considerable progress in important areas of co-operation.

I believe that the ill-judged reactions of Unionist political leaders, and the antics of "loyalists" such as burning RUC families out of their homes, have not helped the Unionist people over the two years since the Agreement was signed.

The virtual withdrawal of Unionist politicians, including Mr Taylor, from the democratic process over this period is, to say the least, unhelpful. The vast majority of people in these islands desire peace, stability and reconciliation in Northern Ireland.

I would urge Mr Taylor and his Unionist colleagues at Westminster to adopt a spirit of helpful realism and, in the best interest of the Unionist people whom they are elected to represent, to play a positive role in Parliament and in Northern Ireland.

Their colleagues at Westminster and the British people as a whole wish them to play their important part in the steady progress being made by the two governments.

Yours faithfully,
HUGH DYKES,
House of Commons.
October 15.

Strategy of the left

From Lord Chelwood

Sir, Mr David Latter (October 12) was surely right to underline your editorial view about the Labour Party's ignorance of military strategy and to remind us of the real danger posed by the far left's objectives.

Almost equally worrying is the double-talk about the party's domestic philosophy. Mr Bryan Gould, perhaps their most articulate spokesman, emphasized in Brighton (report, October 1) the party's continued commitment to "public ownership in some form".

Why not "use shares as just one instrument to hand real power to working people?" he asked. He then claimed that this had been shown to work by many socialist countries throughout the world.

If he really meant socialist, and not social democratic, then I can't for the life of me think of one. Could Mr Gould name two or three such countries as examples?

Yours sincerely,
CHELWOOD,
Plovers' Meadow,
Blackboys,
Uckfield, East Sussex.
October 19.

Shades of truth

From Mr Michael Rubinstein

Sir, It is a relief to learn (Science Report, October 13) that two experts in logic claim to have solved "the so-called 'liar paradox'" after it has puzzled logicians for some 1,900 years: two – without calling on the services of an umpire!

One of these experts, Professor Barwise, is quoted as concluding that "What is important is that [the liar paradox] is just one more indication of the human mind's dependence upon context".

The Faulks committee on defamation, whose report was published in 1975, emphasised (paragraph 96) that the natural and ordinary meaning of words "should be arrived at by considering the words not in isolation but with regard to the general background and *in the context in which they are published*" (the committee's emphasis).

What is still not generally appreciated is that *statements of fact are, in reality, comment, according to the context in which they are spoken or published.*

I do not tell a white lie.

Yours truly,
MICHAEL RUBINSTEIN,
2 Raymond Buildings,
Gray's Inn, WC1.

War games

From Mr Michael George Olizar

Sir, Let me, as treasurer of an infant/primary school PTA (parent-teacher association), assure Miss Slack (October 14) that there *is* money to be made in conkers.

An enterprising lad made over £5 selling them at our recent school fête. The conkers were marketed in their basic form, holed and strung; or holed, strung and hardened at 5p. Trade was brisk and my daughters, too, amongst the usual haul of damaged purses and broken dolls, bought several of the de-luxe variety.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL GEORGE OLIZAR,
60 First Avenue,
Mortlake, SW14.

Selecting Tory party chairman

From Mr Rodney Gent

Sir, I suspect I am not the only Conservative who feels that the semi-public wrangle over the next party chairman clouded the celebration of the election victory at the conference. I write as one, amongst many, who went through a lot during the campaign for the party (in my case, two pairs of shoes, half a stone and several soakings).

The last element of the case put forward in the past for retaining the appointment rather than election of the party chairman, that of a close working relationship between chairman and prime minister, appears to have been eroded by the corrosive effect of "informed sources". This only months after Mr Tebbit stepped down from the Cabinet, which removed the other argument, that the chairman needs to attend Cabinet meetings.

To old hands, this hiatus is reminiscent of the activity at the 1963 conference, when the leadership was fought out. This resulted in the party, very sensibly, deciding to reform itself by giving MPs a direct vote. To resolve the current embarrassing situation, may I suggest that in two years' time the chairmen of constituency associations are enfranchised and elect a party chairman directly for a two-year period of office. They, after all, can be said to represent the people who raise the money to keep the party organization going.

Yours faithfully,
RODNEY GENT,
71 Wickham Way,
Beckenham, Kent.
October 14.

ON THIS DAY

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The tax advantages to be found in the Channel Islands no longer needed to be publicized to the same extent after the upsurge of tourism to the islands in the two decades after the Second World War

GUERNSEY AS A HOME.

INCOME-TAX AT 6D. IN THE POUND.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)
St. Peter Port, Oct. 19.

Since the day when, as part of the ancient Dukedom of Normandy, the Channel Islands consented to the grant of Home Rule to Great Britain, the English connexion has always been one of the proudest possessions of Guernseymen. That connexion, re-cemented in the Great War by the blood of many of Guernsey's stanchest [*sic*] sons, is probably more greatly cherished now than at any other time in its history, and the island is making a determined effort to attract more English families to itself. So far as summer visitors are concerned Guernsey gets all it can accommodate, and it is as a winter residence or a permanent home that it is now making its appeal.

During the last few days the Guernsey Chamber of Commerce has been showing off its island to a party of British journalists. Some extravagant claims have been put forward, but the more they are examined the less extravagant they seem. Guernsey is in the happy position of having killed off "Dilly and Dally" before they were born, and, with the bulk of the local work carried on on a voluntary basis, there is no room for a large, highly paid staff of State officials to pile up expenditure. The income-tax is only sixpence in the pound, and, but for Guernsey's share in the war, there would probably be no income-tax at all. How to live on nothing a year is a question which many people have sought to answer in vain. It presents no difficulty to Mr. C. W. Howitt, the energetic hon. secretary of the Guernsey Chamber of Commerce. "It's so simple," he tells us. "Change your investments and live in Guernsey on the money you would have paid in England in income-tax."

Granted the initial investments, the idea is attractive in the brilliant sunshine we are enjoying, which we are assured is the normal condition here – Guernsey with an average sunshine of 5¼ hours daily for the last twenty-eight years claims the highest average in Northern Europe. The bright red roofs of the houses rising tier upon tier on the wooded hillside of St. Peter Port are picturesque in the extreme . . .

THE TELEPHONE SERVICE.

The Channel Islands are conservative, but in some directions they have set an example which others might follow. Here is the first electric tramway with overhead equipment, while the telephone service is excelled by few places in the United States or Scandinavia. Though labouring under the initial disadvantage that our Postmaster-General had had nothing to do with it beyond issuing a licence to the States of Guernsey for its construction in 1898, and receiving a royalty of 10 per cent. of the gross revenue, the local management has heroically surmounted that obstacle, and there are now 2,925 telephones in operation . . .

COURT AND SOCIAL

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 20: The Duke of York, Commodore, accompanied by The Duchess of York, this evening attended the Royal Thames Yacht Club's Laying Up Dinner at 60, Knightsbridge, London SW1.

Mrs John Floyd and Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer were in attendance.

The Princess Royal this afternoon attended a reception and presented the prizes for the Dairy Farm Landscape Conservation Competition on behalf of the Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers at the Natwest Tower, London EC2.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Deputy Chairman, National Westminster Bank plc (*the Earl of Harrowby*).

The Princess Royal this evening attended the World Freight Banquet at the Marriott Hotel, Grosvenor Square, London W1.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Chairman, World Freight Advisory Committee (Mr Dermot Graham).

Miss Victoria Legge-Bourke *was in attendance*.

By commnad of The Queen, Sir Ashley Ponsonby, Bt (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Oxfordshire) was present at Royal Air Force Brize Norton this morning upon the arrival of The President of the Italian Republic and welcomed His Excellency on behalf of Her Majesty.

By command of The Queen, Sir Ashley Ponsonby, Bt (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Oxfordshire) was present at Royal Air Force Brize Norton this morning upon the arrival of The King and Queen of the Belgians and welcomed Their Majesties on behalf of Her Majesty.

The Queen was represented by Major-General Henry Bond (Vice-Lord-Lieutenant for Dorset) at the Memorial Service for Sir Denis Laskey (formerly Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Vienna) which was held in St Mary Magdalene's Church, Loders, this afternoon.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 20: The Princess of Wales, Patron, Turning Point, this morning visited Suffolk House, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Buckinghamshire.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, Pre-School Playgroups Association, later visited and presented a Bonus Award to the Rascals Playgroup, Royal Lane, Hillingdon.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Commander Richard Aylard, RN were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 20: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Colonel-in-Chief Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps, today received Colonel Kathleen Grimshaw on relinquishing her appointment as Colonel Commandant of the Corps, and Colonel Valerie Smith on assuming this appointment.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 20: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Corps of Transport, today received Major-General P. Blunt, Representative Colonel Commandant, and Major-General D.B.H. Colley, Director General of Transport and Movements.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 20: The Duke of Kent, Colonel-in-Chief of The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment, today received Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Steptoe on his assuming command of the 4th (Volunteer) Battalion.

His Royal Highness, as Chancellor, *this afternoon* visited Surrey University and later attended the Treasurer's Dinner.

Captain Michael Campbell-Lamerton was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent this evening opened the Chinese Gallery at the Victoria and Albert Musuem, South Kensington, London SW7.

Mrs Peter Wilmot-Sitwell was in attendance.

Sir William Nield very much regrets having been unavoidably prevented from attending the memorial service for Lord Trend.

Marriages

Mr I.G.A. Heinrich
and Miss D.J.K. Muntz
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 3, 1987, at the Church of St Mary Magdalene, Tanworth-in-Arden, Warwickshire, between Mr Angus Heinrich and Miss Diana Muntz.

Mr J.N.D. Hibler
and Juffrouw G.M.M. Vandenbulcke
The marriage took place in Herefordshire on Saturday, October 17, between Mr David Hibler, only son of Mr and Mrs John Hibler, of Pontshill, Herefordshire, and Juffrouw Lieve Vandenbulcke, eldest daughter of De Heer and Mevrouw Lukas Vandenbulcke, of Kortrijk, Belgium.

The bride was attended by Miss An Vandenbulcke. Mr R. Bolt was best man.

Mr J.C. Moss
and Mrs O. Shattock
The *marriage took place* in Guildford, on Friday, October 9, 1987, between Mr John Cottam (Jock) Moss and Mrs Oz Shattock, widow of Rear-Admiral Ernest Shattock.

Mr C. Tucker
and Miss C.R. de Courcy-Ireland
The marriage took place in London, on Saturday, October 17, 1987, between Mr Christopher Tucker and Miss Kiki de Courcy-Ireland.

Oxford honours statesmen

The King of the Belgians and the President of Italy, Professor Francesco Cossiga, received honorary degrees by diploma from Mr Roy Jenkins, Chancellor of Oxford University, at the Sheldonian Theatre, Oxford yesterday.

Honorary degrees of doctor of civil law were awarded to Dr Garret FitzGerald, the former Prime Minister of the Irish Republic; Oxford University Vice-Chancellor Sir Patrick Neill; the Master of Balliol College, Oxford, Mr Anthony Kenny; the former US Defence Secretary, Mr Robert McNamara; the Principal and Vice-Chancellor of Glasgow University, Sir Alwyn Williams; and the former British Ambassador to Washington, Sir Nicholas Henderson.

Honorary doctorate of letters were presented to the author Dame Iris Murdoch, Sir Isaiah Berlin, former president of Wolfson College, Oxford; and Arthur Meier Schlesinger, Jnr, Schweitzer professor of humanities, City University of New York.

An honorary doctorate of science was awarded to Professor Dorothy Crowfoot Hodgkin, Chancellor of Bristol University.

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Bridge

US holders show their form

Ocho Rios, Reuter - The United States, the holders, surged ahead in the second session of the World Bridge semi-finals on Monday night, leading Chinese Taipei by 160 international match points to 112 after 64 boards in the 160-board match.

Britain led Sweden by 113-98 in the other semi-final after a grimly contested set with both sides displaying remarkable accuracy.

In the Venice Cup for women's teams, France staged a dramatic recovery when they overtook opponents Italy to lead by 137 international match points to 103.

The US second squad, spearheaded by Kathie Wei and Judy Radin of New York, erased a first session deficit against their first team, led by, Jo Morse and Sue Sachs of Washington and Baltimore. The second squad is ahead by 139-136.

The talking point of Monday night's play centred on a deal when Lew Stansby and Chap Martell, arguably the United States' top players on current form, committed a mistake which most novices would avoid. They bid a grand slam missing an ace and were duly punished by Taipei.

Declaring he still has two unfulfilled wishes, conductor Sir Georg Solti celebrates his 75th birthday today (Linda Murdin writes). "The first and most important wish is that I shall live long enough to attend both my daughters' weddings and have a few grandchildren." Daughters Gabrielle and Claudia are 17 and 14 respectively. "The second is that I shall never be satisfied with my work". Sir Georg's is currently rehearsing at the Royal Opera House for the first production there since 1938 of *Die Entfuhrung Aus Dem Serail*. He is to conduct six performances of this early opera by Mozart, opening on November 9. (Photograph: Ros Drinkwater).

Dinners

Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators
King Husain and Queen Noor of Jordan were present at a dinner given by the Lord Mayor and Mr Robert Pooley, Master of the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators, at the Mansion House last night after the presentation of the guild's trophies and awards. *King Husain* was invested with the honorary livery and the award winners included Mr Richard Rutan, Miss Jeana Yeager, Mr Len Snellman, Miss Eve Jackson, Mr Richard Branson, Mr Per Lindstrand and Mr Colin Beckwith.

Surrey University
The Duke of Kent attended the Treasurer's dinner held last night at Surrey University. Mr Nigel Robson, treasurer, presided. Lord Croham, Sir David Hancock, Sir Diarmuid Downs, Dr Anthony Kelly, vice-chancellor, Mr I. Taylor, MP, Mr M. Shersby, MP, and Dr P. Williams were among those present.

HM Government
Lord Beaverbrook, Government Whip in the House of Lords, was host at a dinner held last night at Lancaster House in honour of Mr S.V. Etozar Rikanovic, Yugoslavian Federal Secretary for Finance.

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
Mr Robert Holland, President of the General Practice Division of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, presided at the annual dinner of the division held last night at the Hilton International hotel, Park Lane. Mr Michael Heseltine, MP, and Mr Peter Scott, QC, Chairman of the General Council of the Bar, also spoke.

Ecclesiastical Insurance Group
The Archbishop of Canterbury and the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster attended a dinner to celebrate the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group's centenary held last night at Guildhall. Mr C.Alan McLintock, Chairman of Ecclesiastical Insurance Group, presided. Mr T.P. Frost, Chief Executive of the National Westminster Bank plc, also spoke. The dinner was preceded by a service of thanksgiving held in Westminster Abbey.

Reform Club
The Committee and Members of the Reform Club were hosts at a dinner held in the Clubhouse on Monday, October 19, in honour of Dr Garret FitzGerald, TD, to mark his election as an honorary member of the club. The Rev Paul Rowntree Clifford was in the chair. Among those present were:
Mrs Garret FitzGerald, the Ambassador of the Republic of Ireland and Mrs O'Rourke, the Hungarian Ambassador, HM Ambassador in Dublin and Mrs Fenn and Viscount Tonypandy.

Service dinner

Britannia Royal Naval College
Admiral Sir William Staveley, First Sea Lord, was the guest of honour at a combined Wardroom and Gunroom Mess dinner held last night at the Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, to mark the 182nd anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar. Commander G.D.B. Robinson, commander of the college, presided.

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.M.B. Snowball
and the Hon C.S. Knollys
The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Mrs E.J.D. Snowball and the late Brigadier E.J.D. Snowball, OBE, of Ballochneck, Thornhill, Perthshire, and Clarinda, daughter of Viscount and Viscountess Knollys, of Bramerton Grange, Norwich.

Mr S.D. Hudson
and Miss V.S.L. Calver
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Lieutenant-General Sir Peter and Lady Hudson, of Frilsham, Berkshire, and Virginia, daughter of the late Mr Christopher Calver and of Mrs Susan Calver, of Clayton, Sussex.

Mr R.W.M. Beevor
and Dr T.M. Wilson
The engagement is announced between Roland, son of Mr and Mrs James Beevor, of Uplyme, and Tamsin, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Bowstead Wilson, of East Worldham.

Mr O.J.H. Butcher
and Miss S.M. Lyons
The engagement is announced *between Oliver, younger son of* Mr and Mrs Richard H. Butcher, of Bath, and Sophie, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Fergus Lyons, of Clifton, Bristol.

Mr J.M.H. Clarke
and Miss A-M. Porter
The engagement is announced *between Justin, eldest son of* Mr and Mrs Bryan Clarke, of Camberley, Surrey, and Anne-Marie, daughter of Dr and Mrs Alan Porter, of Camberley, Surrey.

Mr D.A. Gleadhill
and Miss J.L. Ker
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs P. Gleadhill, of Scunthorpe, *South Humberside, and Jane*, younger daughter of the late K.R. Welbore Ker and Mrs M. Welbore Ker, of Chelsea, London.

Mr P.A.C. Monckton
and Miss G.M.E. Byng
The engagement is announced between Piers, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Alan Monckton, of *Horsebrook Hall, Staffordshire*, and Georgiana, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Julian Byng, of Wrotham Park, Hertfordshire.

Mr W.A. Newton
and Miss S.E. Holdgate
The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr and Mrs J. Newton, Alford, Somerset, and Sharon, daughter of Dr *D. Holdgate, Harlow, Essex*, and Mrs G. Holdgate, London, NW1.

Mr R.A. Warburton
and Miss S.E.M. Yorke
The engagement is announced between Richard Andrew, youngest son of the late Mr John Warburton and of Mrs Barbara *Warburton, of Lympstone*, Devon, and Sarah Elizabeth Margaret, only daughter of Mr and Mrs David Yorke, of North Chailey, East Sussex.

Mr P.S. Watson
and Miss C.L.H. Davison
The engagement is announced between Piers, only son of Mr Christopher Watson, of *Standford, Hampshire, and of* Mrs Geoffrey Cridland, of Kensington, London, and Charlotte, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Hay Davison, of North Cheriton, Somerset.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess of Wales, Patron of Help the Aged, will attend the charity's Gold and Diamond Appeal at Christie's, King Street, SW1, at 6.50.

The Duke of York will visit the Headquarters of the Association of Fashion, Advertising and Editorial Photographers in Domingo Street, EC1, at 10.15 to dedicate the Dr Victor Hasselblad Library; and, as Patron of Fight for Sight, will attend a reception at the Banqueting House, Whitehall, at 7.00 on the occasion of the launch of the Fight for Sight Special Appeal.

The Duchess of York will attend a performance of *HMS Pinafore to be given by the New Sadler's* Wells Opera at Sadler's Wells Theatre at 7.25.

Prince Edward will attend a gala night performance of *Moon Dance Night* during the Black Theatre Season at the Arts Theatre, Great Newport Street, WC2, at 8.00.

The Princess Royal, President of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will attend a reception and fashion show at Jaeger, Regent Street, at 10.30; and will visit Nashville, Tennessee, until October 23.

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester, as president, will attend the annual open meeting of the Queen's Nursing Institute at the Royal Institute of British Architects, 66 Portland Place, at 2.20.

The Duchess of Kent will arrive at Birmingham International Airport at 3.30 in connection with the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless.

Prince Michael of Kent will be the guest of honour at the *Trafalgar Night dinner on HMS* Victory, Portsmouth, at 8.00.

Luncheons

Greek Ambassador
Prince Michael of Kent attended a luncheon given by the Greek Ambassador at the House of Commons yesterday to commemorate the anniversary of the Battle of Navarino. Sir Bernard Braine, MP, was the sponsor. Among others present were:
Archbishop Methodios, the Earl of Dundonald, the Earl of Bessborough, Earl Jellicoe, the Hon George Younger, MP, Mr Michael Foot, MP, the Hon Robert Byron, Sir Patrick Wright, Lieutenant-General Sir John Richards, Sir David Hunt, Sir Peregrine Rhodes, Sir David Wilson, Admiral Sir Richard Fitch, Vice-Admiral Sir Derek Reffell, Rear-Admiral Timotheos Massouras, Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson, Major Ronald Ferguson, Mr Robin Squire, MP, Mr Cyril Townsend, MP, Dr Ian Twinn, MP, Mr Richard Balfe, MEP and Mr Alexander Russell.

Lord Broadbridge
Lord Broadbridge entertained the Association of Authorised Public Accountants and members of the United Kingdom accountancy profession at a reception and luncheon in the House of Lords on Tuesday, October 20.

Law Society
Mr Derek Bradbeer, President of the Law Society, was host yesterday at a luncheon held at *60 Carey Street. Among* those present were:
Viscount Ridley, Sir Gordon Borrie, QC, Mr Justice Kennedy, Mr Robert Johnson, QC, Mr A P McMullen, Mr G B Reed, Mr P R C Reeves, Mr Richard Gaskell (vice-president), Mr John Porter and Mr John Hayes (secretary general).

Variety Club of Great Britain
Mr Harry Goodman, Chief Barker, presided at a luncheon given by the Variety Club of Great Britain yesterday at the Hilton International hotel, Park Lane, to mark the tenth anniversary of the National Theatre. Sir Peter Hall, Mr John Mortimer, QC, and Miss Judi Dench also spoke. Among those present were:
Sir John Gielgud, CH, Dame Peggy Ashcroft, Miss Eileen Atkins, Mr Simon Cadell, Mr Michael Gambon, Mr Charlton Heston, Mr Barry Humphries, Mr Alec McCowan, Mr Tim Pigott-Smith, Mr Paul Scofield, Miss Maggie Smith, Mr Juliet Stevenson and Miss Julie Walters.

OBITUARY

DR PHILIP LEVINE

The Rhesus factor in blood

Dr Philip Levine, American medical scientist and immunohaematologist, died in New York on October 18. He was 87.

To him is attributed the discovery of the Rhesus factor in blood. And his pioneering research work in this field — in which he was one of this century's founding fathers — led to enormous strides being made in the understanding of blood groups. As a result, countless lives, not least the lives of new born babies, were saved.

Philip Levine was born at Kletsk, in Byelorussia, on August 10, 1900, and he went with his family to Brooklyn at the age of eight. He was educated there at Brooklyn Boys' High School; the College of the City of New York; and at Cornell University, where he took his BSc, MA, and medical qualifications.

His first post, in 1925, was as an assistant (and, later, an associate) at the Rockefeller Institute of Medical Research, where he remained for the next seven years. They were times of excitement and major discovery.

Blood groups was a subject that fascinated many in the early years of the century, following Karl Landsteiner's discovery of the ABO blood groups in 1901. It was with Landsteiner that Levine collaborated at the institute, and his imagination was fired by Llandsteiner's *ideas* of the individuality of human blood; and it was during his own time at the institute that Levine discovered three new blood factors — M, N and P.

He then spent several years at the Wisconsin University Medical School (1932-5) before going to the Newark Beth Israel Hospital, where he remained until 1944. In that year he became director of the immunohaematology division of the Ortho Research Division, at Raritan, New Jersey, where he devoted the rest of his life to his research with a single minded determination.

His outstanding scientific contribution was the publication, in 1941, of a paper on *"The role of isoimmunisation* in the pathogenesis of erythroblastosis fetalis." Here he demonstrated that a well known and often fatal form of anaemia and jaundice in new born infants was due to an attack by the mother's blood on the baby's red blood cells — an attack of the same nature as that mounted against a bacterial invader.

He also showed that it occurred if the mother's blood group was Rhesus negative and the baby's Rhesus positive. (The condition, a severe form of "haemolytic *disease of the new born*", had previously been attributed to congenital syphilis.)

This crucial discovery, and those that flowed from it, ultimately saved the lives of thousands of new born babies. His work in blood typing has also saved countless others from fatal mismatchings during blood transfusions.

Over the succeeding years Levine's interest in blood groups and haemolytic disease of the new born led him to the discovery of many new blood groups, so that he first immeasurably complicated, but ultimately clarified, this most obscure and bewildering subject. He also described certain blood factors that attack the host's own blood rather than than of *other individuals* — *the* so-called auto-antibodies.

His laboratory was recognised as a pioneering centre for research, diagnosis and training, and scientists from around the world beat a path to its doors.

He retired officially in 1965; *in fact*, however, he continued in his work until ill health forced his retirement proper, just one year before his death; and he gave his name to his laboratories.

In his later years he was involved in cancer research. In 1974, interest was revived in a patient whom he had treated for cancer more than two decades earlier, and who was still alive. A renewed interest led to his discovering that the blood serum of some cancer patients could become toxic to their cancer cells — a revelation which offered hope of long-standing remission in certain types of cancer.

Levine was a gentle man yet firm in approach to science. His fascination for the unknown never waned, and he had the admiration and respect of his peers. His dedication was untiring, and his genius for solving problems of immense complexity, unquenchable.

His wife, Hilda, whom he married in 1938, died before him. He is survived by their daughter and two sons.

MISS JACQUELINE du PRÉ

Miss Jacqueline du Pré, OBE, who died on October 19, at the age of 42, was regarded as one of the cello's most brilliant exponents, when her playing career was tragically cut short by multiple sclerosis at the age of 26.

Though she had her critics among the sterner sort of purist, her wealth of natural talent, which expressed itself in a warm-blooded, romantic approach to her material, made her a favourite on the concert platform, and made the sound of the cello popular with lay audiences.

Over the *last* few years she had established an enviable reputation as an interpreter of the solo cello repertory. Her name was particularly linked with the Elgar cello concerto, which she had played on many occasions all over the country and abroad.

Jacqueline du Pré was born on January 26, 1945. After being inspired by her mother, who, she once said, "guided my first steps, wrote tunes for me to play, and drew pictorial descriptions of the melodies", she went to the London Cello School at the age of six.

When she was *10, she* went to William Pleeth, whom she always described as "my cello Daddy". She felt that she owed almost everything to him.

Her first public success *came when she gave a* Wigmore Hall recital at the age of 16. Then she went to study with Tortelier in Paris and Rostropovich in Moscow. At the same time she began a concert career which took her all over the world.

At the end of 1966 she met the pianist and conductor Daniel Barenboim, and they were married in the following year. He exerted a strong influence on her (as Barbirolli previously had done), particularly in the realm of chamber music. She became one of several players, soloists in *their own right, who came* together at fairly frequent intervals to tackle the chamber-music repertory. The most common combination was Zukerman, Barenboim and du Pré.

Du Pré's style could, perhaps, be most aptly described as impassioned and grainy. She threw herself into the classical and more modern repertory with her whole body and soul. Some even found her wholehearted approach too subjective, too emotional. If that was a fault, it was one on the right side.

In any case, it is inconceivable that one of her natural gifts would not, as she grew older, have developed a riper, more rounded approach to the cello's repertory.

But it was not to be. During *a performance of the Brahms* Double Concerto at the Lincoln Centre, New York, in 1971, she began to experience extreme difficulty fingering and bowing her cello. She was found to have contracted multiple sclerosis, and her concert career was over. The rest of her life was a brave battle against the ravages of the disease, and she was an example and inspiration to other sufferers.

With her husband she set up the Jacqueline du Pré MS Society Research Fund, which has been administered by the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Great Britain, since 1977.

She was appointed OBE in 1976, and had honorary doctorates from numerous universities.

Besides the memory of her concert performances Miss du Pré also leaves a considerable legacy of recordings to console her admirers for her cruelly early death. Among these, her playing of the Elgar will inevitably take first place, but her interpretations of the Delius and Dvořák concertos and of various sonatas are equally rewarding memorials.

Alexander Goehr wrote his evocative *Romanze* for her.

As a person, she was as outgoing and lively as she was as an artist, and her friends in the musical world were legion.

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LIEUTENANT-COLONEL P. H. HUTH

Lieutenant-Colonel P. H. Huth, DSO, MC and Bar, who died on October 5, at the age of 71, was a tank officer, who fought in the Second world War, in the North Africa and Normandy campaigns, where *he won a reputation for his* bravery. But he capped his exploits in these theatres by his performance in the Korean War, where his 'C' Company of the 8th King's Royal Irish Hussars played a heroic role helping other British units to escape from the wreck of the Battle of the Imjin River.

Huth was commissioned into the 8th Hussars in 1935. The 8th was then in Egypt and when war came was a founder regiment of the 7th Armoured Division ("the Desert Rats"). Often in the thick of tank battles, Huth was a brilliant and lucky fighting soldier, and he won two MCs, one in the Western Desert, and one in Normandy.

After the war his expertise in armoured warfare was to be tested again to the full in Korea, where he sailed with the first Centurion tanks to see active service.

When the Imjin River battle opened, Huth was on leave in Japan, but he hitched a lift back by plane in time for the second phase of the action.

The situation was desperate. The Chinese were advancing in overwhelming strength. The Gloucesters, of glorious memory, had to be left to their fate. But the Royal Ulster Rifles and the *Northumberland* Fusiliers might escape, given a resolute covering operation.

Huth's 8th Hussars performed prodigies, advancing into battle with that reckless contempt for personal safety which had distinguished the regiment at Balaclava.

There was no easy escape route. The retreat was in broad daylight. A powerful enemy lined the slopes on both sides of the road. In Huth's own words it was "one long bloody ambush".

But Huth's tank tactics proved decisive. He had trained his crews to hide their vehicles in broken ground, and from this meagre cover the Centurions were able to pour a lethal fire on an enemy who, it must be said, charged them without fear, sometimes even getting on to the hulls of the tanks.

For the infantry it was a fearful *gauntlet* to run; some clung to tanks whose hulls were soon slippery with blood; others crawled in the shallow ditches on either side of the road.

But the Hussars held firm. Notwithstanding that some of the tank hulls were so choked with bodies that the guns could scarcely be brought to bear on their assailants, they provided a deterrent covering fire *until the Rifles and the* Fusiliers were brought to safety.

Huth, in his own tank, stayed at the rear of the column, facing the heaviest of the Chinese attacks, until all were safely clear. For his leadership, and his bravery in this action, he was awarded an immediate DSO.

After the war he stopped off on his way home to visit his parents in Kenya. The Mau Mau campaign was at its height and for a time Huth commanded the Kenya armoured car squadron.

Before their amalgamation with the 4th Hussars, he commanded his regiment. From 1960 until 1973 he was a Queen's Messenger.

Huth was a kind, humble man never happier than when sharing a mess-tin with his soldiers in the field, or, in more recent years, working on his farm in Ireland.

He is survived by his wife, Mollie.

Memorial service

Miss S. Van Damm
The Lord Mayor of Westminster attended a memorial service for Miss Sheila Van Damm held yesterday in the West London Synagogue. Rabbi Hugo Gryn officiated and Mr Rivers Fletcher gave an address. Among those present were:
Major and Mrs D M Angel (brother-in-law and sister), Miss Nona Van Damm (sister), Mrs Patricia Rees, Mr and Mrs Maurice Angel, Miss Susan Angel, Mr Timothy Angel, Mr and Mrs Michael Angel, Mr Colin Hess, Mr and Mrs Gordon Infield, Dr Jean Infield, Miss Natalie Lehrer.

Lord St John of Fawsley

The life barony conferred on Mr Norman Antony Francis St John-Stevas has been gazetted by the name, style and title of **Baron St John of Fawsley**, of *Preston Capes in the County of* Northamptonshire.

Birthdays today

Mr Malcolm Arnold, composer, *66; Mr Geoffrey Boycott*, cricketer, 47; Mr Norman Clarke, former secretary and registrar, Institute of Mathematics and its Applications, 71; Dr W.L. Ferrar, former principal, Hertford College, Oxford, 94; Mr Dizzy Gillespie, jazz musician, 70; Mr Simon Gray, writer, 51;

Lord Grieve, 70; Sir Maurice Hodgson, former chairman, British Home Stores, 68; Mr J.F.C. Hull, former deputy chairman, Schroders, 62;

Professor Sir Roy Marshall, former vice-chancellor, Hull University, 67; Miss Nadia Nerina, prima ballerina, 60; Sir Georg Solti, conductor, 75; Lord Thomas of Swynnerton, 56; Mr Francis Warner, poet and dramatist, 50; Dr Elsie Widdowson, nutritionist, 81.

Receptions

Hungarian Ambassador
The Hungarian Ambassador presented the Order of the Flag of the Hungarian People's Republic to Sir Georg Solti at a reception held yesterday at the Hungarian Embassy to mark Sir Georg's birthday.

Society of Medicine
Sir Gordon Robson, President of the Royal Society of Medicine, received the guests at a reception held yesterday in the society's house after Sir Walter Bodmer delivered the first Ellison-Cliffe lecture.

Families for Defence
Lady Olga Maitland, Chairman of Families for Defence, was host at a reception held yesterday at 47 Cheyne Walk, by courtesy of Mrs Homayoun Mazandi. Mr *Michael* Heseltine, MP, was the guest of honour.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

O that my people had hearkened unto me, and Israel had walked in my ways.
Psalm 81 : 13

BIRTHS

ADELMANN - On September 26th, to Frederick Adelmann and Alix Henley, a daughter, Sophia, a sister for Tana.

BELL - On October 10th, to Mathieu and Mary (née McCaul) a girl, Savannah Katherine.

BRAGARD-HALL - On October 11th 1987, to Debbie Hall and Jean-Claude Bragard, a son Jean-Luc.

COPELAND - On October 14th, to Luisa (née Barraclough) and Richard, a son, Archie, a brother for Hannah, Amelia, William and James.

CRESSWELL - On October 19th, to Alexandra and Jeremy, a daughter, Alice Mary Clementine, sister to Caroline and Lucinda.

FARR - On October 18th, to Patricia (née Larkin) and Nicholas, a son.

HARLEY - On October 10th, to Heather (née Wood-Hill) and Mike, a son, Timothy James Alexander.

HAYTON - On October 19th 1987, to Deborah (née Thomas) and Stuart, a daughter, Emily Victoria.

HENLEY - On September 26th, to Alix Henley and Frederick Adelmann a daughter, Sophia, a sister for Tana.

LOGSDAIL - On October 18th, to Caroline (née Mockett) and Nicholas, a daughter.

MAYNARD - On October 14th, to Lenore and Michael, a daughter, Chantal Robins.

ROUS - On October 18th, to Zeenat and John, a daughter.

STEEN - On October 9th, in Cambridge, to Patricia (née Benison) and Ian, twins, Rachel and Clare, sisters for Katie and Duncan.

STEWART-HUNTER - See Bell.

STOTHARD - On October 17th, 1987, to Noelle (née Spivey) and Iain a son Alexander Charles.

TAYLOR - On October 19th, to Lizzie and Rod, a daughter, Chloe Anne, a sister for Beth.

MARRIAGES

WILLMOTT:LAW - On September 19th 1987, at St. George's Church, Wembley, Middlesex, Nigel Francis Fielding Willmott to Christine Law.

RUBY ANNIVERSARIES

WEST:RENWICK - On October 21st 1947, Frank and Beryl at Holmpierrepont, Nottinghamshire.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

MAY-HEAVER On 21st October 1937 Ivan to Betty (B.B) at St. George's, Hanover Square London.

DEATHS

BACCANELLO - On October 16th, peacefully, Sandro, beloved husband of Pauline, father of Marco and Suzanne & step-father of Caroline & brother of Tony. Funeral service at St Simon's Church, Hazelwell Road, Putney, SW15 on Friday, October 23rd at 1.15 pm. Family flowers only but donations if so desired to the Macmillan Fund for Cancer Relief, 15-19 Britten Street, SW3 3TZ. 01 351 7811. Enquiries please to J H Kenyon, 12 Chiltern Street, London W1M 1PD. 01 935 3728.

BALDRY - On October 19th 1987, at Woodbridge, Jean Baldry, much loved wife of William Baldry, formerly of Sternfield, Suffolk, and for many years a great and valued friend of the Penn family.

BEARD - On Monday October 19th, 1987, suddenly at home, Doris Vere beloved wife of Seymour and dearly loved mother, grand-mother and great grand-mother of Caié, Joy, Penny, Ben and Chris. Service at the Woodvale Crematorium, Lewes Road, Brighton, on Monday October 26th at 12.30pm, all enquires to Hanningtons Funeral Director's Ltd Tel: 0273 778733.

BINSTED - On October 18th 1987, peacefully after a long illness courageously bourne, Major Kenneth Clive Binsted, 16th Battalion Parachute Regiment (Retired). Beloved husband of Muriel, dearest father of Edward, Sara, Fiona and Lucinda, father-in-law of Jan, Colin, Michael and James, grandfather of Daniel, Benjamin, Ross and Gregory. Chairman of Binsted Publications and President of The British Bottlers Institute. Service at 2.30pm Friday October 23rd at The Church of The Holy Cross, Binsted. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Lord Mayor Treloar College, Froyle, Alton or Basingstoke District Hospitals Scanner Appeal.

BUSVINE - On October 17th 1987, at Sancta Maria Hospital, Richard, of Langland, Swansea, formerly of London. Beloved husband of Gina, much loved brother of Margaret Hobson. Private cremation on October 23rd.

CARDWELL - On October 18th, Hugh Maitland Elliott, formerly Master at Radley College and the New School, Rome. Funeral at Harwood Dale, Friday 23rd at 1pm. Flowers or donations for Kew to this daughter Catriona Cook, Burgate Farm, Harwood Dale, Scarborough.

CECIL - On October 15th 1987, Peacefully, W. Marriott, he will be sadly missed by his wife Donnie, Roy and Family. Funeral will take place on Friday 23rd October at Mortlake Crematorium at 4.00 pm.

COHEN - On October 19th 1987, at home in Pinner, Stanley Edward C.B.E., aged 90 years, devoted husband of Beatrice and loving father of Betty Nicolaisen of Elkmarka, Norway, grandfather and great-grandfather. Chief Commoner of The City of London 1968 and responsible for the city's smokeless zone 1955. Private cremation, no flowers please, but donations maybe sent to The National Society for Clean Air, 136 North Street, Brighton BN1 1RG. Memorial Service to be announced later.

COUCHMAN - On October 16th, 1987, peacefully after a short illness, Helen Mary, of St Mary's Close, Bathwick, in her 79th year, beloved mother of the late Anne Godden and dearest grandmother of Sarah, James and Camilla. Funeral Service, St Mary's, Bathwick, Bath, on Friday October 23rd at 11.30 am, followed by cremation. Family flowers only, but donations may be sent for Cancer Research, to Jollys, Funeral Directors, 7, Windsor Place, Upper Bristol Road, Bath.

CROMARTIE - On October 18th 1987, in his sleep, whilst staying at Charlecote, Dr Ronald Ian Talbot Cromartie C.M.G. aged 58 of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Son of Marjorie, husband of Jennifer, father of Alan, Selina and David. Loving and beloved. Funeral service at St Peter's Church, Church Knowle, near Corfe Castle, Dorset on Monday October 26th at 2.30pm. All enquiries to H. J. Dawson Ltd. The Funeral Directors, 22 George. St, Lemington Spa, 0926 27464.

CROPPER - On October 16th 1987, peacefully in Bath, Charles Frederick John Cropper, O.B.E., F.R.C.P., dearly loved father of Celia. Funeral Service, Haycombe Crematorium Bath, on Friday October 23rd, at 12.00 noon. Flowers maybe sent to Jolly's Funeral Directors, 7 Windsor Place, Upper Bristol Rd, Bath.

DALY - On October 19th, peacefully in London, Honor Mary Evelyn, widow of Brig. T. Denis Daly C.B.E., M.C. in her 88th year. Funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium, Monday November 2nd, 12 noon. Donations to The Order of St John.

FRAME - On October 17th, in Bristol, Colin Calder, aged 76. Dear brother and uncle. Formerly journalist on The London Evening Star and Evening News.

FRASER - On October 19th, peacefully in hospital, Margaret, aged 65, of The Rutts, Bushey Heath, widow of Jim, much loved mother of Helen and Lindsey, sister of Audrey and Fred. Funeral at West Herts Crematorium, Watford, on Friday 23rd October at 1.30pm. Enquiries to Hensley Funeral Service Ltd, Park Rd, Bushey Tel. 01-950 7233.

GAIRDNER - On October 18th, peacefully at home, Margaret Venetia. Funeral Mass at The Church of Jesus Christ Redeemer of Mankind, Cranleigh on Tuesday, October 27th at 2.00pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please but donations, if wished, may be sent to Guide Dogs for the Blind.

GRANT - On October 16th, Eric Henry aged 80 years, suddenly but peacefully at his home in Manor Road, Salisbury. Funeral Service at St. Thomas's Church, Salisbury, 3.00pm on Friday 23rd October. No flowers by request but donations for St. Thomas's Church Fund, C/O Will Case & Partners, 22 Churchfields Road, Salisbury.

GREENSLADE - On October 16th, peacefully at home with her family, Gisela, dearly loved wife of David and mother of Christopher, Martin, Andrea and Julie-Anne: much loved by all who knew her. With Christ. Funeral Service at Vine Evangelical Church, Hitchen Hatch Lane, Sevenoaks on Friday October 23rd, at 2.15 pm, followed by burial. No flowers: donations, if desired to Hospice at Home, Tunbridge Wells.

HAWKINS - On October 18th, peacefully at Bath, Vice Admiral Sir Raymond Shayle Hawkins, K.C.B., aged 77. Dearly loved father of Michael, Richard, Nicholas and Anne. Affectionately remembered by Rosalind and the rest of his family. Funeral Service at St James The Great Church, South Stoke, Bath at 11.00am on Friday October 23rd. Flowers to E. Hooper & Son, 13 St James Parade, Bath. Memorial Service to be announced later.

HOOTON - On October 17th, suddenly but peacefully, Jessica Patricia widow of John and much loved mother of Patrick and Alexander. Funeral service at the Parish Church, Benenden on Friday October 23rd at 2pm. Flowers to K.B.Sills, Kenwood High Street, Cranbrook, Kent.

HOSFORD - On October 19th 1987, peacefully in London, Dorothy aged 73. Beloved wife of the late Rev. Charles Strong MBE, and the late Rev. William Popham Hosford OBE, Chevalier De Oranje-Nassau. Much missed by her daughters Elizabeth and Mary and by her grandchildren Maria, Alister, Charles and Duncan. Cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium 10am Friday 23rd October.

HOWLETT - On October 18th 1987, in Folkestone, Eunice (née Chilcott) aged 88 years formerly of Wandsworth, widow of J.R.B. Howlett OBE. Dearly loved mother, grandmother and sister. Funeral service at United Reformed Church, Folkestone on Monday October 26th at 11.45am, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, but donations to NSPCC, C/O Hambrook & Johns Ltd, 1 Dover Road, Folkestone, Kent, will be ackowledged.

JARVIS - On October 20th, 1987, peacefully Dr Hilary Charles Morton Jarvis M.B.E. of Brighton, Sussex (late of Stalag 344). No flowers please but donations to Dr Chamberlains Cardiac Appeal, c/o E Carter & Son, 20 Marine Drive, Rottingdean, Brighton. (Family funeral).

JOYNES - On October 18th, suddenly at home in Cornwall, Colonel Charles Peter Anthony O.B.E., only son of the late Colonel and Mrs A Joynes. Private cremation.

KORNHABER - On October 14th, peacefully after a long illness, Jan in his 79th year. Cremation 1.15pm Wednesday 20th at Golders Green.

KREYER - On October 16th 1987, Robin Grey, D.S.O. Funeral service takes place at Cambridge City Crematorium on Friday, October 23rd at 3.30pm. No flowers by request. There will be no memorial service.

LEONARD - On October 18th, 1987, peacefully at home, E. Gerhard Leonard, greatly missed by his loving wife and family. A man of integrity and unfailing loving kindness. Funeral 10.30am Monday 26th October at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Kemsing, followed by private cremation. Flowers or donations to Mencap, to W. Hodges & Co, 37 Quakers Hall Lane, Sevenoaks. Tel: (0732-459522).

LEY GREAVES - On October 18th 1987, Lieutenant Commander Robert Charles, aged 74. Dearly loved husband of Daisy and father of Bruce and Susan. Funeral service at Guildford Crematorium Friday October 23rd at 12.30pm. Flowers and enquiries to Ayling Funeral Services, Telephone Guildford 67333.

MOCKRIDGE - On October 14th, peacefully at home in Horsted Keynes, Sussex, David George Christopher, aged 64. Funeral on Tuesday October 27th, 12 noon at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Balcombe Road, Worth. No flowers, please, but donations to National Hospital for Nervous Diseases Development Foundation, Queen Square, London, WC1 or Leukemia Reaserch Foundation.

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POWELL - On 18th October 1987, peacefully, Lt. Col. John Augustus Lawrence Powell, late 19th Hussars and 4th Hussars. Dear husband of Freddy, father of Mary and David, grandfather and great grandfather. Funeral at St Michael and all Angels, Pirbright, on Friday 23rd October at 2.45 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired to P.C.C. St Michael and All Angels, C/O The Vicarage, Pirbright, Surrey.

SANKEY - On October 13th, Vera Doris aged 88, wife of the late John (Jack) Sankey of Heycroft Way, Great Baddow, Essex. Funeral enquiries to T. Pennack and Sons, Chelmsford 0245 71157.

SKEAD - On October 19th, at Holkham Hall, Moyra Joan Skead aged 81 after an illness borne with great Christian courage and humour. Much loved mother of Edward Douglas Viscount Coke, Lady Almary Ferraz and the Hon John Coke. Funeral Friday October 23rd at 2.30 pm at St Withburga, Holkham. Family flowers only to S T Sutton Funeral Directors, Burnt Street, Wells.

THORP - On October 15th, in hospital, Vincent Dudley aged 78 years of, The Woodlands, Lyons Hall, Herefordshire, beloved husband of Marion and dear father of Gael. The funeral service will take place on Friday, October 23rd, at 2pm, at Lyons Hall Church followed by interment.

VALENTINE - On October 13th, in Adelaide, Australia, Christine Ann, beloved wife of Rennie Andrew. Aged 31. After a short illness. Sadly missed by all.

van BERGEN - On October 19th 1987, peacefully after a long illness borne with patience and fortitude at Warren Lodge, Elizabeth Josephine van Bergen, Dame of the Order of St. John. Cremation (Family only). Requiem Mass at The Friary, South Ascot, Berks, at 2.30 pm on Monday 26th October. No flowers please, but donations if desired to St. John Ambulance, 101 London Rd., Reading RG1 5BY.

VERNEY - On October 18th 1987, peacefully at her daughter's home in Shute, nr Axminster, Devon, Margaret Judith May, aged 84 years. The funeral service will take place at Shute Parish Church on Thursday October 22nd at 2.30pm. Followed by interment in the churchyard. Flowers, if desired please, to J.F. Clarke & Sons, Funeral Directors, Axminster.

VOSPER - On October 18th 1987, suddenly, Norman Lyn of Plas Coch, Llanychan, Ruthin aged 72 years. Beloved husband of Amice. Funeral Friday October 23rd. Service and interment at Llanychan Church at 2.30pm. Family flowers only. No letters please.

WALKER - On Sunday October 18th, Margaret Cumberland, Tony's wonderful wife. Tranquility at home. Funeral at St Peter's Church, Stockbridge, on Friday October 23rd at 11.30am. No flowers please, but donations if wished for Old St Peter's Church, Stockbridge. Care:- The Rector, Stockbridge, Hampshire SO20 6JS.

WARREN - On October 16th, peacefully at his home in Gerrards Cross, John Frederic, dearly loved husband of Gwendolen. Funeral service at St. James' Church, Fulmer, Wednesday October 28th, 3.15 pm, followed by cremation at Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham. All enquiries to Chalfonts Funerals Ltd, Montello House, Layters Green Lane, Chalfont St. Peter, Bucks. Tel. 0753 884674.

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MEMORIAL SERVICES

COATES - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of John Coates will be held at the Church of Saint Bride, Fleet Street, London EC4 on Tuesday November 3rd 1987 at 12 noon

WATSON - A service of thanksgiving for the life of Freddy, darling baby son of Selina and Alastair Watson and addored brother of Sophie and Alice, will be held in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital Chelsea, at 6pm, on Thursday Occtober 29th.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

d'ABRANYI - FRASER, Joyce Valerie, beloved wife of Melchior, died this day in 1985. - ever in my thoughts. 'Je reviens.' 'J'attendrai.'

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Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Samuel Taylor Coleridge, Ottery St Mary, Devon, 1772; Alphone de Lamatine, poet and statesman, Macon, France, 1790; Alfred Nobel, industrialist and founder of the prizes bearing his name, Stockholm 1833.

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Appointments

Latest appointments include:

Professor Eric Ash and Miss Mary Goldring to be Trustees of the Science Museum.

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Science report

Pilgrims help India's drive for more trees

By David Nicholson-Lord

Religious feelings associated with nature are being tapped by the Indian authorities as part of a community-based tree-planting programme aimed at afforesting arid wastelands. The target is the reclamation of at least five million hectares of wasteland each year.

Pilgrims to holy places in the Himalayan foothills, badly affected by soil erosion and tree loss, have been enlisted in the drive. Nine thousand visitors to the Kumbha festival in the pilgrim town of Hardwar were persuaded earlier this year to plant saplings over a 60-hectare strip of land: the plantation is now protected by the Uttar Pradesh state forest department.

Unlike many comparable schemes, the plan by the National Wasteland Development Board has several imaginative measures to involve the groups most vitally affected, particularly rural women and farmers on marginal land, both of them suffering acutely from the shortage of firewood.

According to the Centre for Science and Environment, based in New Delhi, the next century could easily see India reduced to vast tracts of desert-like lands surrounding agricultural enclaves.

Over half the sub-continent's land is environmentally degraded. Satellite sensing has shown that forest cover declined from 55 million hectares in 1972 to 46 million hectares a decade later. Cultivable land is expected to decline by a third by the mid-1990s yet the pressures of human demand means that an additional 60 million hectares - almost half the present total - will be needed.

The wasteland board is aiming to distribute 10 billion saplings a year. It has decentralized its nurseries to cut transport costs and aid the propaganda effort. Even so, it could only plant three billion trees in 1985-86.

A measure of the task confronting it, however, is the unsatisfied demand in rural areas for fuel wood, one of the main causes of deforestation. Current annual demand is 184 million cubic metres, yet a study by the Indian Planning Commission has found that only 20 million cubic metres are available each year from India's forests. The gap now has to be made good by withdrawals from private plantations.

Ceres, Food and Agriculture Organization Review, vol 20, no3.

PERSONAL COLUMNS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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DAVID CAMPBELL MCDOWELL
- Respondent
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'She never lost patience; she permitted herself few tears'

Even as a child, Jacqueline du Pré, who died this week, was an outstandingly gifted cellist. **Brian James** talks to the teacher who first developed her talent

Jacqueline du Pré: "I don't think the idea of 'making a name' ever occurred to her"

The man Jacqueline du Pré had called her "cello daddy" spoke yesterday of the gifted child he had helped develop into one of Britain's greatest post-war musicians, and of the courage of the striken woman she became.

William Pleeth, now aged 71, was a leading teacher giving master classes to some of the country's most promising cellists when the 10-year-old came to his attention. Like the Russian maestro Mstislav Rostropovich, who a decade later was to invite her to Russia, there to improve her playing, Pleeth was instantly capitivated by her passionate involvement with her instrument.

He remained a friend and confident during Miss du Pré's concert career, and through the years that followed the onset of the crippling disease which, on Monday, brought her death. He suggests that an assessment of his protégée's talent is limited only by our own imaginations.

"To ask what more she might have done is sad and pointless; it is like asking how much more a young Schubert might have composed had he lived another five years. There was no end, no end to a talent like this. We must be content simply never to know."

Something of the depth of her talent, though, was sensed by Pleeth when he first met Miss du Pré. Her mother had telephoned, clearly nervous: would he please listen to her child? Any doubts about his commitment did not remain with William Pleeth for more than three minutes.

"There was all the innocence of the child," he remembers. "The unprecocious shyness before a new adult. But I knew, by a marriage of my experience and instinct, that hidden beneath was a great potential. The technique, the emotion, the passionate love of making music was all there, displayed already in a simple way. I agreed we should be master and pupil — and we would start together immediately."

For once a week, and then twice as frequently after the child had won a competition, they met at Pleeth's home in North London. Her development as a cellist proceeded at a rate which astonished him. "She was given this marvellous memory. The only parallel case, I suspect, would be the young Menuhin. It was almost an extra gift. It helped the speed of her development. It helped us over the inevitable few problems."

Problems? "Of course. She was a child. There would be days when she wanted her mummy. Would be tearful over what was asked of her. They were few. The major problem was that of technique. You know, of course, that Jacqueline had a freak hand? The left. The index and first figures were of the same length. This meant she could not finger absolutely conventionally. So when people ask me what system I used in her teaching, I answer: what system could you employ? Her talent and achievements testify to the pointlessness of systems."

Jacqueline du Pré was Pleeth's pupil until her concert debut at Wigmore Hall, the date chosen by him. "Even at 15 she had been ready for a very long time. But she was not a talent to be rushed. There was no need. I had other young musicians, nowhere near so gifted, who wanted to rush to the public stage — wanted the fame, the applause. I don't think the idea of 'making a name' ever occurred to her. She wanted only to make music.

"But she was delighted to make that debut. To play every concert. Because it was there on a public stage that all the pieces of the combination came together: her skill and technique, the beautiful instrument, the inspiration of the composer, and then this unique rapport with an audience. Her love for what she was doing absolutely flowed off the stage. And it was this, rather than the rather bombastic and unhealthy pursuit of fame, that was her great incentive."

The relationship between pupil and master lasted long beyond the period when, after some months in Paris and Russia, she returned to his classroom until the start of a concert career. "Jacqueline was not the sort of person one dealt with, then forget. We kept in very close touch socially. Even in adult life she still had occasional need of me.

"Although she played some pieces with overwhelming confidence, those in which the sentiment appealed to her, there were other parts of the repertoire where the same instinctive command was not there. I recall once visiting her in an interval. The poor darling was almost shaking. She said, 'Please stay with me until I am called on. I am nervous. I do not like this piece. I have no mastery of it.' Then she played the piece — Boccherini, as I recall — quite superbly, and won an ovation.

"But that was merely craftsmanship. The other was something far greater than that. At her best she was phenomenal. There is a tape, Shostakovich, made at one of her recordings, which will be a classic for all time."

William Pleeth's relationship continued after Miss du Pré fell ill. "I think she felt it was a very great comfort when people she knew continued to call. Her face would light up, rather as it would when one had praised her as a child. But I am not certain that even then she did not give more than she received. Her sense of humour through this awful time was quite staggering. She permitted herself very few tears."

Pleeth, who was with his gifted pupil when she died, added that Miss du Pré had been barely able to communicate at all for the last months of her life. "One had to ask her to repeat again and again what she was saying. It was a hideous thing, but she never lost her patience. Again, her courage sustained those around, rather than the other way about."

Tailor-made role for Heston

THEATRE

A Man for All Seasons
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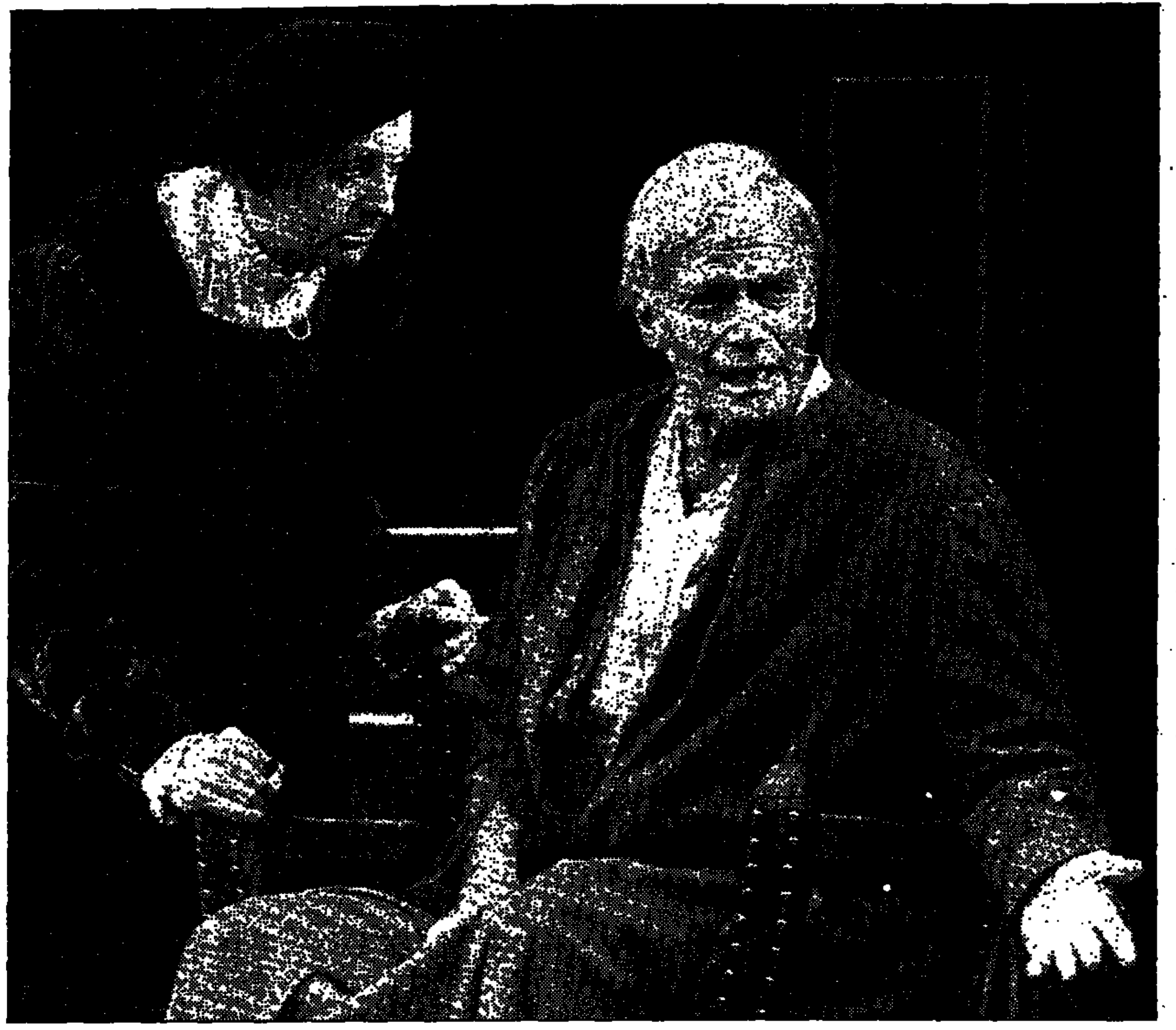
Donald Cooper

The pain of losing: Charlton Heston (right) as Sir Thomas More with Benjamin Whitrow as a superb Thomas Cromwell

Modestly categorized by its author as "bastardized Brecht" when it first appeared a quarter of a century ago, Robert Bolt's tribute to Thomas More has gone on to a vastly successful life on the English stage, and enriched the language with a phrase treasured by headline-writers, while its model, Brecht's *Galileo*, remains as little performed as ever.

The first production, in 1960, was the occasion for a cogently argued dispute between Bolt and Kenneth Tynan, who drew the crucial distinction between the two plays: namely that where the audience were apprised of Galileo's heretical theories, and of their truth, the whole of More's case lay on his rights to remain silent about his belief. "What matters to me", he declares, "is not whether it's true or not but whether I believe it to be true."

What struck Tynan as a weakness in the play supplies a clue to its popularity with English spectators. It is a plea for our rights to privacy and non-involvement. And the fact that its hero was one of the highest politicians in the land, presented by Bolt with scrupulous regard for historical accuracy and in language seamlessly indistinguishable from More's own quoted statements, gives authoritative weight to every suburban householder who likes to keep himself to himself; not to mention journalists under pressure to reveal their sources, or defendants threatened with the withdrawal of the non-incrimination statute.

What everyone has overlooked, including Tynan, is that More is a rotten part. Bolt's line on him is that More never saw himself martyr material, that he enjoyed all the sensual pleasures, and that he went to the block only when required to surrender his innermost selfhood. As written, however, what we get is the saint: a man who, apart from a few roguish references to food and drink, comes over as a bloodless ideal of stoic magnanimity; who thoroughly deserves his wife's wrath when, with his execution approaching, he bangs on about the superlative quality of her custards.

As for his defiance of the King, More's tactic is to plead the Tudor equivalent of the Fifth Amendment, with the result that he plays his legalistic hand so close to the chest that for much of the way he is left simply parroting his interrogators' questions with whatever ironic emphases the performer can extract from them. The spotlight is trained on him throughout; but all it reveals is a surface of passive virtue which could well conceal a practised hypocrite.

In Frank Hauser's production (reviewed by Harry Eyres at Chichester last July), the role of More has been taken over by Charlton Heston, as yet another famous trial to top his *Caine Mutiny Court Martial*. Apart from some vocal monotony, it is an extremely good performance. Physique, as always, gives this actor a tremendous advantage for roles of this genre. With that commanding presence, and the features of an aged eagle, he can embody moral vigour without having to give demonstrations. More differs from the surrounding characters in that he alone wants nothing. Heston's achievement is that, with small help from the text, he does convey the pain of losing what he has got; and, more difficult, contemplates the surrounding ambitions, venalities and treacheries without once lapsing into self-admiration or sanctimonious forgiveness. To the end, he remains non-martyr material. Within the severe limits of the role, I do not see how it could be better animated.

Bolt has surrounded him with some extremely lively friends and enemies, chief among them the hit-man Cromwell, who gets a superlative performance from Benjamin Whitrow — a slight, clerkly figure with ultra-genteel vowels, capable of appallingly unexpected viciousness, and altogether a character who would have been at home round a table with Robespierre.

Gwen Watford, renouncing her long-suffering tendencies, plays More's wife on a note of scolding grievance turning at the end to black, desperate anger — which also amounts to a declaration of love. The role of the Common Man still causes the gorge to rise; but Roy Kinnear scores at least one successful transformation, donning gold-rimmed spectacles as the Common Historian. Julia Trevelyan Oman's balustraded set doubles effectively as prison and mansion, though less so as the bank of the Thames.

Irving Wardle

Gaining anxiety

TELEVISION

Brass Tacks (BBC2) weighed in with a standard whistle-blast against a legally available drug, Norazepam, which allegedly has four times as many citizens in its addictive grip as does heroin. Prescribed by the million, this spiky little tranquillizer offers initial euphoria rapidly followed by helpless dependence, and its withdrawal symptoms sound peculiarly hellish.

As usual, much of the litany of complaint from addicts smacked of the "one puff and I was hooked" syndrome so beloved of tabloid headlines. One has to be especially dense not to realize when medication is having a deleterious effect, and to blame any substance this side of lethal poison for ruining one's life is to evade the question of individual responsibility. Drug addiction of any kind is the objective correlative of emotional insecurity, and it should not really come as a surprise when the net result of artificial tranquillity turns out to be genuine anxiety.

No such balms were available to Giovanni Belzoni on his fraught trips up and down the Nile, laden with purloined ancient monuments. Sunburn, dysentery, pistol-toting rivals . . . being a grave-robber in the early 19th century was no Cook's tour. The first leg of *Footsteps* (also BBC2) — a new series on the heroic age of archaeology — attempted to rehabilitate Belzoni's reputation as an inspired detective rather than an untutored vandal. The presenter, David Drew, spent too much time conveying the atmosphere of modern Egypt at the expense of biography — it was fairly late in the day, for instance, that we learnt that his subject was a recycled circus strongman — and the device of having Belzoni's journal read out by a British actor with a fake Italian accent was, to say the least, unfortunate.

Pick of the evening was Granada's repeat of *Ten Days That Shook the World* (ITV). This account of the events that led up to the October Revolution of 1917 is an exemplary exercise in the field of historical documentary: copiously illustrated, unpatronizing and graced by the voice of Orson Welles at his Havana-cured hammiest. They do not make voice-overs like that any more.

Martin Cropper

Perfect timing

ROCK

Bryan Adams
Wembley Arena

Prior to his appearance at the Prince's Trust charity concert in June, Bryan Adams last played Wembley Arena in March 1985, as the "special guest" of Tina Turner. But billboard euphemisms failed to soften the harsh reality of being stuck on stage as an opening distraction, while a largely unconcerned audience shuffled around looking for their seats.

Since then *Reckless*, and its follow-up *Into the Fire*, have sold more than 10 million copies between them, and on Monday Adams played the first of four nights in his own right, to a house packed with people who you would have been forgiven for thinking were all lifelong supporters of the skinny blond Canadian.

The pace and authority of his opening sally eliminated any waverers: "Only the Strong Survive", "The Only One", "It's Only Love", "Cuts Like a Knife" and "Kids Wanna Rock" were dispatched with perfect timing and immense clout, establishing a pattern of controlled forcefulness and rugged attention to melodic detail.

Adams's unnamed four-piece band played with as little musical clutter as the sparse set-up would suggest, and the simplicity of the staging, together with the jeans-and-shirt look, harked back to the precepts of rock-group performance that obtained in the mid-Sixties, even if the result was very much born of modern professional know-how.

Certainly Adams has achieved his colossal success by running with both the sing-along hare and the heavy-rock hounds, and the stringency of the quality-control he imposes on his work, both as a performer and songwriter, may knock out an element of spontaneity.

But a performance of this stirring intensity confirmed his status as one stadium act who is not guilty, as sometimes charged, of the bland "adult-orientated rock" syndrome. Adults, kids and stewards roared approval as the band powered through to a climax of "Long Gone" and the glorious "Summer of '69".

David Sinclair

The old team in new success

OPERA

L'Italiana in Algeri
Vienna State

Frank Lopardo: mellifluous

Rossini provided Claudio Abbado with some of his earliest operatic successes. At the beginning of the Seventies he forged at La Scala with Jean-Pierre Ponnelle a cycle of Rossini comedies notable for their exuberance, their musicality and above all their teamwork. Berganza, Alva or Benelli, Montarsolo and Dara moved from one to the other like a well-drilled repertory company.

So now in Vienna it seems sensible for Abbado to turn back to his old partner to help give the State Opera its first taste of *L'Italiana in Algeri*, even if the team has now dispersed. Ponnelle obliges by turning *L'Italiana*, generally reckoned to be the comic opera which brought Rossini to maturity at the grand old age of 21, into a sparkling success.

Fortunately that triumph will not be confined to Vienna. DG have been recording it over the past few days at the Konzerthaus. Covent Garden take over the production in January, although not alas with Abbado, who still insists on restricting his opera appearances to the Vienna State. Unitel take it into the studios some time next year for a film in conjunction with the DG set.

Ponnelle reuses several of the elements from his 1972-73 Scala staging for this new *Italiana*. The curtain rises on the same group of pot-bellied eunuchs — tenors to a man, a typical Rossinian joke — engrossed in their needlework. A toy ship, carrying Isabella, the Italian girl, and her doting Taddeo, is drawn across the back of the stage to be sunk by a mighty cannon from the Barbary shore. But the overall approach is now gentler and the vulgar elements are tempered with genuine emotion.

Abbado and Ponnelle together, without losing its moments of zany, inspired invention, are gradually nudging *L'Italiana* in the direction of *Entführung*, an opera with which it has much in common. Johnny Turk is as gullible as they come, even when he is commanding Algiers, but at heart he is not a bad fellow.

Ponnelle the designer has provided Ponnelle the director with a number of glowing and highly mobile sets. The Bey's palace is rich in pink and white brick. Turrets and minarets glint in the distance. Palms bend obsequiously by the shore. It is the stuff fairy-tale comedies are made of.

The linchpin of the performance I caught was Ruggero Raimondi's Mustafa, whom Ponnelle has covered with so much body hair that he looks more like a bear than a Bey as he steps out of his very Turkish bath while a bathing companion makes her rapid exit. Raimondi, with his voice skipping round Rossini's patter songs as easily as ever, and game to tuck into a massive spaghetti bolognese as part of the indoctrination to the Order of Pappataci, puts on the kind of comic performance for Abbado that he did in *Viaggio a Rheims* — one of a very high order indeed. Enzo Dara, the one survivor of the Scala cast, is indestructible as the moping Taddeo, who looks as though he could be set for the Baden-Powell brigade in his safari suit.

The least familiar name on the scheduled cast was that of Frank Lopardo, the latest in the lengthening line of American Rossini tenors and one of the most mellifluous. The voice is not large, as Glyndebourne heard from his Ferrando this summer, but it is excellently supported and succulently sweet. I suspect it will sound especially attractive on record.

Abbado was in top form in the pit, especially in the Act I finale, the first of Rossini's great confusion ensembles, and in the Pappataci sequence where Ponnelle — or was it Rossini, or perhaps both? — draws parallels with masonic initiation rites. It is generally reckoned that to put on a successful *Italiana* you need a spirited mezzo, a high tenor and a seasoned buffo; it could be added that the real requirements are a top class horn, oboe and trumpet. Vienna provided them all and the orchestra sounded as though it had been playing Rossini all its life instead of just very occasionally.

John Higgins

CONCERT

Orchestre National de Lyon/Baudo
Barbican

Travellers know Lyon as an excellent centre of gastronomy. However, in spite of the local delicacy of nougat distributed to the audience at the concert interval on Monday, it was the National Orchestra of Lyon that arrived as visitors in association with a trade delegation from the Rhône-Alpes region.

Formed 18 years ago as part of the Malraux reforms of the French musical scene, it is an ensemble of a judicious blend between youth and experience. Its music director until this season, Serge Baudo, conducted this British début of the orchestra in an all-Ravel programme, one more commemoration of the composer's death 50 years ago.

That they should choose to play four works in which Ravel's instinct for the Spanish musical idiom was in places stronger than anything French was perhaps a means of letting instrumental sections speak for themselves. Certainly, as strangers to this hall, it was difficult for them to conjure up the nebulous haze of tone with which both the *Rapsodie espagnole* and *La Valse* should begin, and at the other extreme the almost orgiastic climax worked up in the latter sounded unduly congested. Nevertheless an alert response and some idiosyncratic wind-playing characterized performances of bold colour and sometimes rigid rhythm.

Jean-Philippe Collard was also unexpectedly stiff-jointed in some of the more poetic passages of the G major Piano Concerto. But his enjoyment of the scintillating keyboard writing in general communicated itself through fluency of technique and perceptive phrasing. The orchestral strings were reduced in numbers for this, interestingly in some sections by advancing second desk players to the front

Of course they were back at full strength for *Bolero*, my neighbour attesting the truth of Ravel's comment that it is "vide de musique" by falling asleep before the tune went round more than a few times, and waking only when the sudden key-change near the end releases tension into near-hysteria.

Noël Goodwin

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One of the side-effects of a demanding career is that it leaves so little time to find someone special to share life with — permanently. Working in a male-dominated world, you may have found that women who meet your high standards — beautiful, intelligent women with a sense of humour — are few and far between. And these days, to start looking in bars or on singles holidays is hardly sensible — even of you've got the energy.

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

Shirley finds her spirit level

Shirley MacLaine, the actress, has become a spiritual leader. Should we take her seriously? Catherine Bennett investigates

For once in its select South Kensington life, Thurloe Square is looking disreputable. The gales have left it like everywhere else in the South of England: strewn with broken bits of houses, tree carcasses, and squashed cars. Surveying the damage from a large drawing-room window, Shirley MacLaine remarked that the storm had really passed her by. She had slept right through it, lulled into unconsciousness by her treasured "sound machine", which reproduces the more comforting melodies of rain, surf and waterfalls. MacLaine is in London to play the title role in *Madame Sousatzka*, a film directed by John Schlesinger, and the machine has come too, for a purpose revealed in the fifth and latest volume in her spiritual odyssey: "It's called creating my own reality."

For most of her career, MacLaine was better known for playing Hollywood roles as endearing prostitutes or red-haired girls with long legs and vulnerable grins; and for two books about her personal life and foreign travel. It was not until her late forties that her encounters with assorted mediums and mystics led her to a medley of theories about fate, reincarnation and spirituality which have grown in complexity and confidence in each of three subsequent books. They now appear to boil down to this: we all have a "higher self" which is part of "the source being, that which creates everything" (popularly known as God). That higher self not only chooses each lifetime incarnation according to the laws of karma – "what you put out you get back" – but creates its own reality in everything around it, from a cold in the nose, to a fatal car accident, to the Gulf War, and to last week's gales, which played so small a part in MacLaine's current incarnation.

So did her neighbour *really* choose to have his Porsche crushed by a tree? "Oh yeah," said MacLaine, "on the spiritual level we are all creating everything." Deftly made up, and dressed in a tight black miniskirt and high heels which set off her celebrated legs, she seemed externally quite unchanged from her old Hollywood self. Only the generous quantity of meaningful purple stones and crystal dangling from her neck and ears (for "amplifying thought waves") hinted at her new "alignment" to a higher self.

Her new book, *It's All in the Playing*, which describes the filming of a previous book and attendant personal revelations, makes it quite plain why to help others is actually to interfere with their karma: the poor, for example, have chosen an incarnation with no money. Is it not strange, you ask her, that such a large number of black South Africans are currently exploring this option? "We've all been black, we've all been white, we've all been everything," said MacLaine, who campaigned for black civil rights in the days before she realized that this kind of effort was "Yang energy, emulating the very power structure that I found fault with".

Her new philosophy, backed by a sharp native intelligence, now gives her an answer to everything. Why would a spirit choose to be a Jew, slaughtered in the holocaust? "What they really did was serve as examples of what should never have happened," said MacLaine, seizing this opportunity for an abrupt change in terminology. "Don't call them spirits, call them souls, *souls* – spirits sound oogabooga, occult."

In MacLaine's reality, the language buckles, meanings bend – and even then no words are adequate to express concepts such as the spiritual "new age", of which her writings form a part. "Er, I think everyone involved in the new age has a different approach to defining it – and you know it's sweeping America." In Hollywood she has become a sort of local vicar, always on call to former unbelievers after a personal tragedy reminds them that death is a scary thing. MacLaine tells them that we never die. Recently she has taken her message still further, with touring weekend "seminars" in which members of the audience pay $300 for an introduction to their higher selves, and a lesson in aligning their chakkras – "the seven esoteric energy centres".

On Sunday morning MacLaine had just finished singing and visualizing her chakkras into shape, and all the attunement had clearly given her an appetite. Her assistant, Simo, who was with her in some previous Peruvian incarnation, came in with platefuls of chopped mango, some brown stuff on brown toast and a paler, beige mush, which she ate steadily. "Feminine energy is the energy of the new age," said MacLaine through a mouthful of mush. "The feminine way of thinking is more capable of holding contradictory concepts simultaneously."

Ros Drinkwater

A higher self: Shirley MacLaine, busy getting her chakkras into shape

On that level, it is easy to accept MacLaine's best spirits, Tom, Lazaris and John, with their advice on film scripts and tofu diets, their readiness to play themselves in the film of *Out On a Limb*, and their ability, even, to communicate by telephone, with such tips as "you have a hidden agenda of fear of public judgement on a mass consciousness level". It becomes obvious that questions of fraud do not arise, for as MacLaine says, "in the last analysis you are creating it all anyway, so what difference does it make?"

But it is hard to understand why the spirits do not tell MacLaine about their incarnations in Atlantis or Elizabethan England. "Oh, that's what most of it's about," MacLaine said. "About political events and history, and what Genghis Khan was like – but who'd be interested in reading that? The book's about me."

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Adrift on the radio waves

Michael Parkinson is leaving "the best show on radio", but Alice Thomas Ellis finds the desert island unappealing

Listening to *Start the Week with Russell Harty* recently I heard several eminent people giving it as their opinion that *Desert Island Discs* was the best programme on radio. Personally I could never stand *Desert Island Discs*. For me it ranks somewhere between *Gardeners Question Time* and *Sport on Four*, and whenever I hear the strains of the theme tune, enhanced by the cries of the BBC gulls, I leap to switch over to Radio 2. I'm in a minority since I read in the paper that two million listeners regularly tune in. I can't imagine why, since there is plenty of music on the airwaves and no shortage of people talking.

Why do these faithful listeners find the combination so irresistible? I conclude it must have something to do with the romance inherent in the idea of being a castaway. Tidying up the remains of breakfast in his terrace house or sitting comfortably in his living room, the faithful listener perhaps fantasizes about swaying palms, the skilful spearing of tropical fish and exotic fruits dropping gently from conveniently placed trees.

I don't think it would be like that. I think all the pleasant islands have people living on them already and the solitary survivor of a wreck would find himself on an inhospitable atoll with nothing but a few cacti and some of the less attractive and nutritious forms of wild life – lizards, for instance.

Richard Falconer – the account of whose tribulations was a great favourite with Sir Walter Scott – found himself, when his ship sank, among four or five "very low sandy islands. To my great grief I found nothing but a few eggs, which I was obliged to eat raw." He had a perfectly lousy time but at least he was spared Roy Plomley.

Desert Island Discs was instituted in 1941 when nearly everyone was much more polite than they are today and Roy Plomley (God rest his soul), unlike most of us, stayed polite. Inevitably, now that we are accustomed to a more abrasive type of interviewer, this made him sound – to put it at its mildest – ingratiating. "Roy Plummy", he was called.

Now I read that his successor, Michael Parkinson, is to vacate his chair. Mrs Plomley is reported as saying: "Under him, the programme had no atmosphere. It lost its magic." She goes on to remark that "the guests were much more limited . . . they all seemed to be footballers and cricketers. They tended to be from poor backgrounds and they all harped on about it. There were very few who could be called intellectual." Well, we can't all arrange to be shipwrecked with the Admirable Crichton, and many an idiot must have been cast up as well as the occasional egghead.

It has been suggested that possibly a woman might host (hostess) the programme. In 1941 this would have been highly unlikely and it is only recently that people have stopped saying things like: "A woman news announcer would not sound credible and could not be taken seriously." Besides I suspect that many men when they dream of this desert isle are contemplating the possibility of escaping from their wives and getting back to their Boy Scout days. No sensible woman harbours this desire. I think a man will be more suitable.

Mrs Plomley, it is said, would like to have John Mortimer to present the programme. He is certainly one of our more urbane broadcasters, but then I don't imagine Parkinson ever swore at anyone although "some listeners have complained to the BBC about his style". These fastidious listeners are surely the very ones who would most resent the conditions suffered by the unfortunate Richard Falconer, whose skin came off like the "peel of a broiled codlin" and who desisted from suicide "from the expectation I had that some alligator or other voracious creature would come and do it for me".

For my luxury I should choose a radio with an automatic cut-off switch for *Desert Island Discs*

Nevertheless I have always thought that while it would be vile to be alone in a tiny wilderness, it would be nearly as uncomfortable to be cast away in the *Desert Island Discs* studio with somebody whittering on about which luxury you would prefer to have with you. I should choose a radio with an automatic cut-off switch for *DID*. In the meantime may I suggest to the next presenter, whoever he may be, that he invites my friend the cameraman Remi Adefarasin on to the programme. His life-long dream is to pick "A sleepy lagoon, a tropical moon . . ." as his first choice. It would serve everybody right.

From Russia to Shepherd's Bush with love

The story so far: on his last night in the Soviet Union, a dashing English film-maker falls madly in love with a glamorous Moscow Arts Theatre actress. Back in London he learns Russian in a month and returns to Moscow where he woos the actress, marries her and carries her off to live in the West.

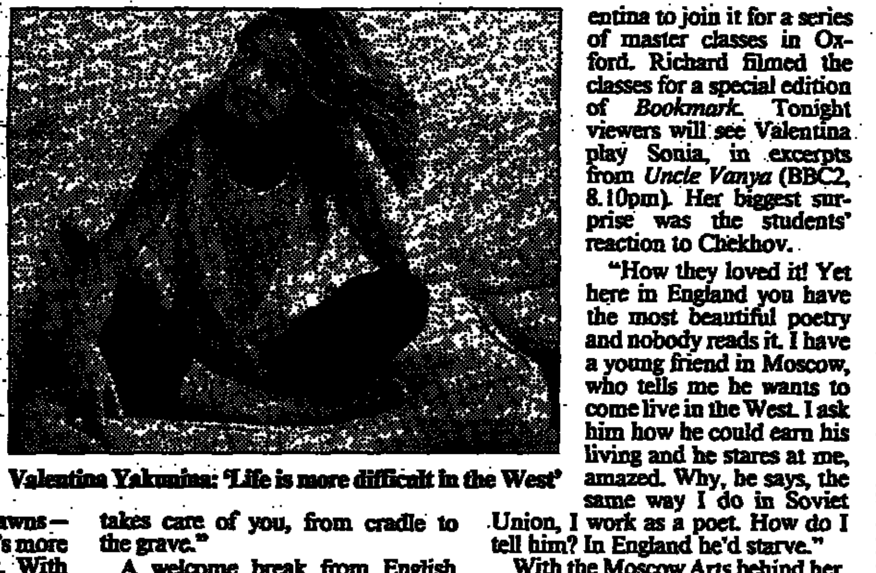
How has a BBC man's highly romantic Soviet union fared in the West?

In Shepherd's Bush, to be precise, where, a year later, the train driver's daughter from Tashkent sits barefoot in blue jeans and sums up the East/West divide: "In Soviet Union when you want to see friends you go bang on their door – if it's two in the morning you still bang on their door. Here, in London, you send polite note through mail, please come to dine – three weeks next Thursday."

It is almost two years since Richard Denton startled his BBC bosses by announcing his marriage, in Moscow, to a Soviet citizen, Valentina Yakunina. "I was making a major documentary series on the Soviet Union, *Comrades*," he says. "Getting married to a Soviet citizen could have turned out to be a public relations nightmare."

Valentina fared better. "My director asked me one question – this capitalist of yours, is he a *good* man? When I said yes, he smiled and said, 'You see, they've got them too!' And he gave us his blessing."

Valentina has spent the past year learning English and coming to terms with culture shock. After a period of initial euphoria, confusion set in. "There is so much to like, so much to enjoy – food and furniture, the wonderful parks and so many kind friends. Then I am worried. These English, I think, take nothing seriously – they joke about everything. Then one day it dawns – this is your freedom. I think it's more difficult to live in the West. With such freedom goes such responsibility. In the Soviet Union the state takes care of you, from cradle to the grave."



Valentina Yakunina: 'Life is more difficult in the West'

A welcome break from English lessons came this summer, when the Moscow Arts Theatre invited Valentina to join it for a series of master classes in Oxford. Richard filmed the classes for a special edition of *Bookmark*. Tonight viewers will see Valentina play Sonia, in excerpts from *Uncle Vanya* (BBC2, 8.10pm). Her biggest surprise was the students' reaction to Chekhov.

"How they loved it! Yet here in England you have the most beautiful poetry and nobody reads it. I have a young friend in Moscow, who tells me he wants to come live in the West. I ask him how he could earn his living and he stares at me, amazed. Why, he says, the same way I do in Soviet Union, I work as a poet. How do I tell him? In England he'd starve."

With the Moscow Arts behind her, Valentina is set on an English acting career. "It took her a while to grasp the concept of an actor's agent," Richard remembers. "Such a thing is unknown in Russia. On the night before her interview with one of the best agents in town I found her preparing a list of questions for him – which dramatic institute had he graduated from, with what degree, and which particular fields of drama did he specialize in? I had to gently explain that it might be best to let him ask the questions. She took the advice and is now on his books."

Valentina is ready to play any part, "except a Russian spy". Probably her most unpleasant experience of life in the West is its attitude to her country, on film and television. "This hurts – always the Russian is villain. Always the KGB. It is sad you should think of us so. We are both, East and West, fed our own propaganda; this is a fact. I think maybe the West believes theirs. And here is the difference. In Russia we have learned to take ours with a good pinch of salt."

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Quote me . . .

I had my first child at 32; my second at 42. I became aware of the Women's Movement at 37; I stopped wearing a bra at 40. I started studying for a degree when I was 49 and am now making my first attempt at writing at 54. I have always seemed to be running after the disappearing bus . . .

Sheila Hancock

Stencil sharpener

As Paris declares its allegiance to pastel shades and blossoming prints, so Britain declares them dead – at least in terms of what the well-dressed wall or furniture is wearing. Terracotta, jade green and slate blue are stencilling's rich new palette, according to expert Carolyn Warrender. On view at Warrender's newly-opened shop (91-93 Lower Sloane Street, London SW1, 01-730 0728), where 300 designs of stencil, plus appropriate specialist paints, can be found, is what she calls her neo-colonial or American pilgrim look. Strong geometric and paisley designs in richer colours and shapes blend beautifully with brocade curtains, Persian rugs, faded quilts and bleached woods such as oak, "rather than the perennial stripped pine". It is still, Warrender maintains, the quickest, cheapest and easiest way to transform a room. "Even the fumble-fingered can learn in five minutes and do a room in a day," she insists. Or – as in the case of her strangest commission to date – do a motorcycle.

Woolly rabbit

Those traditionalists whose soppy hearts sank at the sight of Ladybird Books' new Peter Rabbit adventures, animated Eighties-style, have an ally in Pat Mechini, the brains behind *The Beatrix Potter Knitting Book* (F. Warne, £11.95). Fifty handknits for all the family based on the original drawings – Tom Kitten's sweater, Peter Rabbit's blue cardigan, and so on – have been painstakingly and faithfully created by Mechini, a freelance knitwear designer, who reluctantly confesses that she is "horrified" by the new-look Peter, "but not as much as my children, who even wrote a letter to the publishers saying how awful they found him". She admits, however: "I never dared post it. They're my publishers, too."

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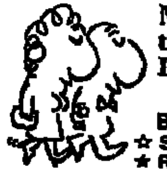

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★ **BEYOND REASONABLE DOUBT:**
Frank Finlay, Wendy Craig and others in Jeffrey Archer courtroom *drama.*
Queen's Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue W1 (01-734 1166). Tube: *Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 8*-10.15pm, Sat 8.30-10.45pm, mats Thurs 3-5.15pm and Sat 5-7.15pm, £5-£13.50.

☆ **DIARY OF A SOMEBODY:** The private life of Joe Orton: *funny*, clever, painful and rough.
***Boulevard Theatre**, Walker Court*, Brewer Street W1 (01-437 2661). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 7.30-9.30pm, also Fri and Sat at 10.30pm £6-£10.50.

☆ **THE HYPOCHONDRIAC:** Tom Courtenay heads strong cast in *Moliere's classic comedy.*
Lyric Theatre, King Street W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Wed 2.30pm and Sat 4pm, £5-£10.

☆ **KISS ME KATE:** After its national tour the RSC production is now in town with Paul Jones and Nichola McAuliffe.
***Old Vic Theatre**, Waterloo Road,* SE1 (01-928 7616). Tube: Waterloo. Mon-Fri 7.30-10.20pm, Sat 7.45-10.35pm, mats Wed 2.30-5.20pm and Sat 4-6.50pm, £8-£19. (D)

★ **LETTICE AND LOVAGE:** See caption.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 3567). Tube: Piccadilly *Circus. Previews from tonight*, 7.45pm, mat Oct 24, 3pm, £6.50-£13.50. First night October 27, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Sat, 3pm, £7.50-£14.50.

☆ **A LIE OF THE MIND:** Fine acting team in new Sam Shepard play *exploring family tensions in the Mid West.*
Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square SW1 (01-930 1745). Tube: Sloane Square. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mat Sat 2.30pm, £4-£12.

Maggie Smith (above) returns to the West End in *Lettice and Lovage*, previewing from tonight at the Globe Theatre (see listing). Her third appearance in a Peter Shaffer comedy, it follows the immortally funny *Black Comedy* in the early days of the NT, and the double-bill *Private Ear/Public Eye*, which technically lifts her tally up to four performances in all. Lettice is a bizarre lady who uses lovage (an umbelliferous plant akin to angelica) in her potent home-made brew.

☆ **A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS:** Charlton Heston takes over the role *of Sir Thomas More in the strongly* cast transfer from Chichester.
Savoy Theatre, Strand WC2 (01-836 8888). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-sat 7.30-10.15pm, mats 2.30-5.15pm, £5-£14.50.

☆ **SEPARATION:** David Suchet and Saskia Reeves *in another two-hander play by Tom Kempinski,* author of *Duet For One.*
Hampstead Theatre Club, Swiss Cottage Centre NW3 (01-722 9224). Tube: Swiss Cottage. Mon-Sat 8-10.15pm, mats Sat 4.30-6.45pm, £6-£7.

☆ **UPSIDE DOWN AT THE BOTTOM OF THE WORLD:**
Première production of a David Allen play about D.H.Lawrence *(once a teacher in Croydon) and his* wife Frieda. Ted Craig directs.
Croydon Warehouse, Dingwall *Road, Croydon, Surrey (01-680* 4060). BR: East Croydon, Tues - Sat at 8pm, Sun at 5pm, £3.50-£4.75.

☆ ***A VISION OF LOVE REVEALED*** **IN SLEEP:** Neil Bartlett and Robin Whitmore in a derelict warehouse interpret the homo-erotic fantasies of Simeon Solomon, Victorian *painter and prisoner. ICA/Riverside* co-production.
Warehouse 9, Maguire Street, Butlers Wharf SE1. Tube: Tower Hill/London Bridge. Tue-Sat 8-9pm, £5.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ ***The Business Of Murder:*** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036). . . ★ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079). . . ☆ **Chess:** Prince Edward *Theatre (01-734 8951).* . . ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre Royal (01-836 8108/9/0). . . ☆ ***Les Liaisons Dangereuses:*** *Ambassadors* Theatre (01-836 6111, cc 01-836 1171). . . ☆ ***Me And My Girl:*** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4) . . . ★ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909). . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's *Theatre (01-836 1443)* . . ★ ***Phantom Of The Opera:*** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244). . . ☆ ***Run For Your Wife:*** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216). . . ☆ ***Starlight Express:*** *Apollo Victoria Theatre* (01-828 8665).

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COVENTRY: ☆ ***The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie:*** Maev Alexander in charge of the *crème de la crème.*
Belgrade Theatre, Belgrade Square (0203 553055), Mon-Thurs 7.30, Fri and Sat 8pm, £3.50-£7.50.

GLASGOW: ☆ **Joan of Arc:** Robert David Macdonald's production of his own new version of Schiller.
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***Cannon Edgware Road** (01-723* 5901). Progs 1.35, 3.50, 6.05, 8.30.
⊠ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 4.30, 7.00, 9.30.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). *Progs* 1.30, 3.50, 6.10, 8.30.
⊠ **Plaza** (01-437 1234). Progs 12.15, 2.30, 4.45, 7.00, 9.15, 11.30.

BEYOND THERAPY (15): Another *of Robert Altman's theatre pieces,* filmed in Paris, with Julie Haggerty, Jeff Goldblum, Glenda Jackson and *Tom Conti.*
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.35, 5.50, 8.45.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 2.15, 4.20, 6.30, 8.40.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 1.50, 4.05, 6.20, 8.30.

■ **BLACK WIDOW (15):** A homicidal psychopath kills several wealthy husbands and is investigated by the Justice Department, notably Alex (played by Debra Winger) (114 min).
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631). Progs 2.30, 4.55, 7.25, 9.55. (D)

DIRTY DANCING (18): *Flimsy but* energetic coming-of-age saga, with Jennifer Grey as the headstrong girl losing her innocence at a Borscht Belt resort. With Patrick Swayze *and Jerry Ardolino.*
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.35, 5.15, 8.15.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.50, 4.00, 6.15, 8.35.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.40, 3.55, 6.10, 8.30.

HOPE AND GLORY (15): John Boorman's autobiographical account of an ordinary family living through the extraordinary days of the London blitz. Vivid, anecdotal; *with* Sebastian Rice-Edwards and Sammi Davis (113 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.15, 5.25, 8.10.
⊠ **Odeon Haymarket** (01-839 7697). Progs 2.30, 5.30, 8.30.

■ **THE LIVING DAYLIGHTS (PG):** *Timothy* Dalton follows in distinguished footsteps when he assumes the mantle of James Bond. A globe-trotting plot of East-West intrigue, embracing Gibraltar, *Vienna,* Tangier and Afghanistan. John Glen directs his fourth Bond film (130 min).
Odeon High Street Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 1.15, 4.15, 8.00.

■ **TIN MEN (15):** Bright, inventive comedy from writer-director Barry Levinson, with Richard Dreyfuss and Danny DeVito as warring home improvement salesmen (110 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 1.30, 3.40, 6.05, 8.25.
⊠ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 1.05, 3.30, 5.55, 8.25.

DANCE

☆ **CARMEN:** A new production by Peter Darrell opens Scottish Ballet's new theatre in its Glasgow headquarters.
Studio Theatre, 261 West Princes Street, Glasgow (041 331 2931), 7.30-9.30pm, £3.50-£6.50.

★ **THE NUTCRACKER:** Peter Schaufuss's production for Festival Ballet begins its autumn tour.
Alhambra, Marley Street, Bradford (0274 752000), 7.30-9.45pm, £4-£12.50.

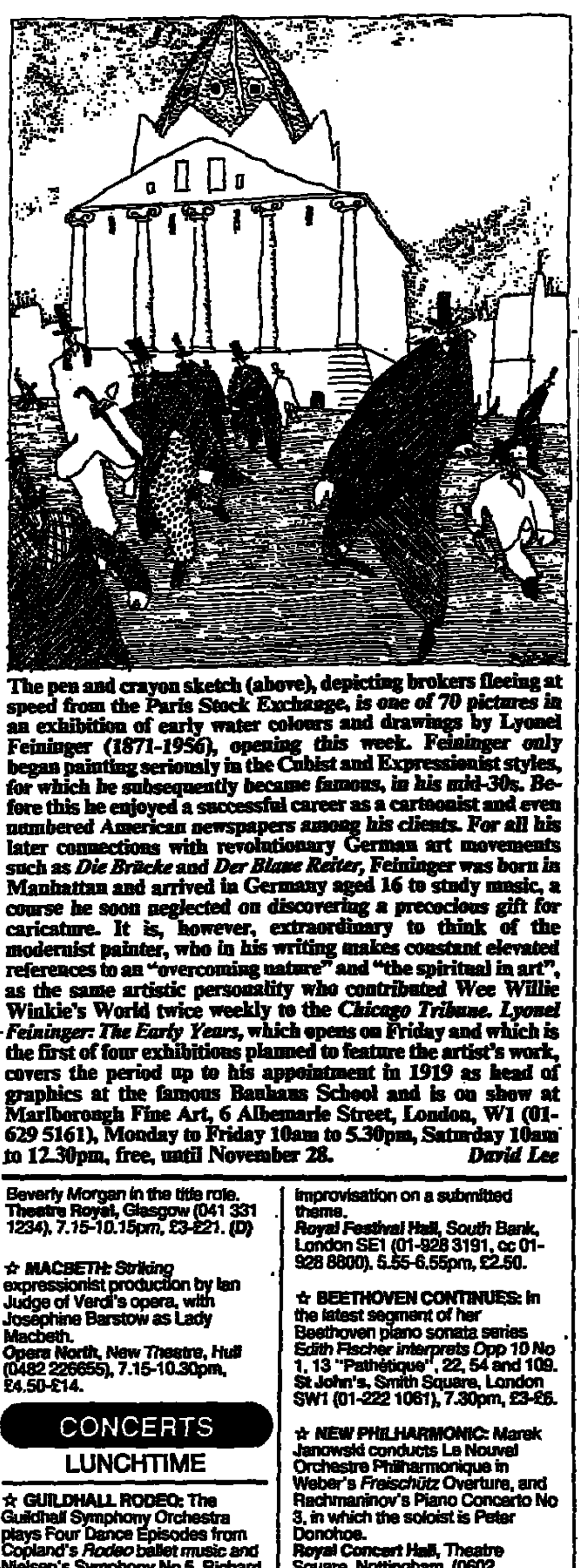
☆ **PULCINELLA:** Richard Alston's production of Stravinsky's ballet for *Rambert Dance Company on a* double bill with Glen Tetley's *Pierrot Lunaire.*
Apollo Theatre, George Street, Oxford (0865 244544), 7.30-9.30pm, £5-£8.

OPERA

☆ **THE PEARL FISHERS:** Philip Prowse's elegant production of Bizet's exotic opera, strongly cast with Valerie Masterson and Sergei Lelferkus.
English National Opera, Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London, WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10.15pm, £2-£21.50. (D)

★ **RAVEL DOUBLE BILL:**
Glyndebourne Touring Opera present *L'Heure espagnole* and *L'Enfant et les sortilèges* at the *start of their autumn tour.*
Glyndebourne, Lewes, East Sussex (0273 541111), 7.30-10pm, £9-£18.

☆ ***LULU:*** First night of John Cox's new production of the complete opera. John Mauceri conducts, with Beverly *Morgan* in the title role.
Theatre Royal, Glasgow (041 331 1234), *7.15-10.15pm*, £3-£21. *(D)*



The pen and crayon sketch (above), depicting brokers fleeing at speed from the Paris Stock *Exchange, is one of 70 pictures in* an exhibition of early water colours and drawings by Lyonel Feininger *(1871-1956)*, opening *this* week. Feininger *only* began painting seriously in the Cubist and Expressionist styles, for which he *subsequently* became *famous, in his mid-30s*. Before this he enjoyed a successful career as a cartoonist and even numbered American newspapers *among his clients. For all his* later connections with revolutionary German art movements such as *Die Brücke* and *Der Blaue Reiter*, Feininger was born in Manhattan and arrived in Germany aged 16 to study music, a course he soon neglected on discovering a precocious gift for caricature. It is, however, extraordinary to think of the modernist painter, who in his writing makes constant *elevated* references to an "overcoming nature" and "the spiritual in art", as the same artistic personality who contributed Wee Willie Winkie's World twice weekly to the *Chicago Tribune. Lyonel Feininger: The Early Years,* which opens on Friday and which is the first of four exhibitions planned to feature the artist's work, covers the period up to his appointment in 1919 as head of graphics at the famous Bauhaus School and is on show at Marlborough Fine Art, 6 Albemarle Street, London, W1 (01-629 5161), Monday to Friday 10am to 5.30pm, Saturday 10am to 12.30pm, free, until November 28. ***David Lee***

☆ ***MACBETH: Striking*** expressionist production by Ian Judge of Verdi's opera, with Josephine Barstow as Lady Macbeth.
***Opera North**, New Theatre, Hull* (0482 226655), 7.15-10.30pm, £4.50-£14.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **GUILDHALL RODEO:** The Guildhall Symphony Orchestra plays Four Dance Episodes from Copland's *Rodeo ballet music and* Nielsen's Symphony No 5. Richard Buckley conducts.
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-*638 8891), 1-1.50pm, free.*

☆ **TRAVERSING TELEMANN:** The Lecosaldi Ensemble resume their utterly complete survey of *Telemann's Der harmonische Gottesdienst* with Cantata No 52 *Ich schaue bloss auf Gottes Gute,* to which they append a Vivaldi flute sonata.
St Anne and *St Agnes*, Gresham Street, London EC2 (01-373 5566), 1.10-1.50pm, free.

EVENING

☆ ***JAN JONGEPIER: This organist*** juxtaposes the *Hymne d'Actions de Grace* by Langlais, Andriessen's Passacaglia, Sweelinck's "Echo" Fantasia, Bach's Prelude and Fugue BWV 534, *Cor Kee's Tone-Row Alterations,* and completes this well-varied programme with an improvisation on a submitted theme.
***Royal Festival Hall**, South Bank,* London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800). 5.55-6.55pm, £2.50.

☆ **BEETHOVEN CONTINUES:** In the latest segment of her Beethoven piano sonata series *Edith Fischer interprets Opp 10 No* 1, 13 "Pathétique", 22, 54 and 109.
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 7.30pm, £3-£6.

☆ ***NEW PHILHARMONIC:*** Marek Janowski conducts Le Nouvel Orchestre Philharmonique in Weber's *Freischütz* Overture, and Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No 3, in which the soloist is Peter Donohoe.
Royal Concert Hall, Theatre Square, Nottingham, (0602 482626), 7.30pm, £5-£8.50.

☆ **TORTELIER/RLPO:** The Royal *Liverpool Philharmonic* is conducted by Yan Pascal Tortelier in Mussorgsky's *Night on a Bare Mountain*, Hindemith's little-heard Concert Music for Strings and *Brass, Ravel's La Valse* and Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No 3, in which the soloist is Howard Shelley.
Philharmonic Hall, Hope Street, *Liverpool (051 709 3789), 7.30pm,* £3-£8.40.

☆ **ATMOSPHERIC LIGETI:** Ligeti's *Atmospheres* and Sibelius's *Symphony No 2 are heard from the* Philharmonia Orchestra under Esa-Pekka Salonen. Mitsuko Uchida solos in Schoenberg's Piano Concerto.
***Royal Festival Hall**,* South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30-9.15pm, £2-£14.

☆ **WINTER MUSIC:** Various artists *including Robert Wallace* *(bagpipes) present Geddes's Winter,* Sweeney's *Nine Days,* McGuire's Prelude for Clarinet and Tape Delay, Rose's *Essay on SDCH,* Hallgrimsson's Five Pieces.
British Music Information Centre, 10 Stratford Place, London W1 (01-499 8567), 7.30pm, free.

☆ **QUIET STOCKHAUSEN:** The Singcircle ensemble doesn't exactly sing Stockhausen's *Stimmung,* this being the first work *in Western music to be based* entirely on vocal harmonics.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.45pm, £5.

JAZZ

LUNCHTIME

☆ **PROPHETS OF JAZZ:** Septet of gifted young players led by former Sun Ra drummer, Clifford Jarvis.
Festival Hall foyer, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191), noon, free.

EVENING

☆ **DAVE DEFRIES:** The trumpeter's quartet add an African twist to bop favourites.
Bass Clef, 35 Coronet Street, London N1 (01-729 2476), 8.45pm, £3.50.

☆ **STEVE LACY:** Soprano sax, with drummer Steve Arguelles. The duo will also improvise to silent film classics.
City Lights, Cinema 1, Broad Street, Nottingham (0602 583184) 7.30pm, £2.50.

☆ **DON CHERRY'S NU:** The all-star band provide an irresistible fusion of Afro-American and African textures.
Aberdeen Arts Centre, King Street (0224 641122), 8pm, £5.

☆ ***JAMES MOODY:*** Expect selections from the reedsman's latest LP, *Something Special.*
Darlington Arts Centre, Vane Terrace (0325 483271), 8pm, £4.

ROCK

☆ ***BAD NEWS/HEAD:*** The Young Ones comedy troupe in their *Spinal Tap* guise, ably supported by the loutish rockers from Bristol (recently signed to Virgin).
***Leicester Polytechnic**, 4 Newark* Close (0533 555576) 7.30pm, £6-£6.50.

☆ **LOUDON WAINWRIGHT III:** The lanky expatriate New Yorker is roughly half way through his marathon tour of the UK and Ireland. He is a folk singer/songwriter with an unusual *lyrical blend of wit and sadness.*
Alexandra Theatre, Suffolk Street, Birmingham (021 643 1231) 7.30pm, £6.

★ **FIVE STAR:** *Between The Lines* was certified platinum in the week *of its release, and this tour has* been sold out for months, confirming the Pearsons' formidable status as a British pop institution.
Cornwall Coliseum, Carlyon Bay, St Austell (072681 4004) 7.30pm, £9.50.

☆ ***GAYE BYKERS ON ACID:*** The start of a tour for the charmingly named gurus of grebo, supported *by the trio of Edinburgh nasties* known as Blood Uncles. Both *groups recently signed to Virgin.*
Diamond Suite, Irish Centre, 57 Digbeth, *Birmingham* (021 622 2314) 7.30pm, *£4.50.*

GALLERIES

THE CHINESE EXPORT GALLERY: *A newly refurbished permanent* gallery showing the decorative arts and ceramics exported to the west from China between 1550 and 1900.
Victoria and Albert Museum, Exhibition Road, London SW7 (01-589 6371), Mon-Sat 10am-5.50pm *(closed Fri), Sun 2.30-5.30pm,* free.

ARTURO DI STEFANO: Rich, multi-layered paintings and prints on themes of smoke and shrouds.
Richard Pomeroy Gallery, Jacob Street Studios, Mill Street, London SE1 (01-237 6062), Tues-Fri 11am-6.30pm, Sat 11am-4pm, free, until November 21.

SOVIET POSTERS: Cinema posters from the silent era designed by Rodchenko and his revolutionary graphic artist colleagues.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, Hammersmith, London W6 (01-741 2251), Tues-Sun noon-8pm, free, until November 15.

PIPER'S ENGLAND: Architectural and topographical paintings and prints by John Piper.
CCA Galleries, 8 Dover Street, London W1 (01-499 6701), Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-4pm, free, until November 4.

PETER STARTUP (1921-1976): The still-life sculptures of a neglected British modernist.
New Art Centre, 41 Sloane Street, London SW1 (01-235 5844). Mon-*Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 11am-3pm, free,* until November 14.

THE EARL HAIG: *New works by the* Scottish peer who is an accomplished painter.
Gallery 10, 10 Grosvenor Street, London W1 (01-491 8103). Mon-Fri *10am-5.30pm, Sat 11am-1pm, free,* until November 12.

BILL WOODROW: *A map of Africa* cut from a frying pan is among *recent* works by an acclaimed recycling *sculptor.*
Cornerhouse, 70 Oxford Street, *Manchester* (061 228 7621), Tues-Sun noon-8pm, free, until *November 1.*

REBECCA SALTER: Beautiful *abstracts on paper incorporating* woodblock printing techniques learned in Japan.
Curwen Gallery, 4 Windmill Street, London w1 (01-636 1459), Mon-Fri *10am-5.30pm, Sat 10.30am-1pm,* free, until October 31.

TALKS

THE MUSEUM OF THE PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY: Lecture by Kate Arnold-Foster, *from the Pharmaceutical Society of* Great Britain.
Camden Head Public House, Camden Passage, London N1 (01-253 6644), 8pm, 50p.

CLASSICAL TOP 20

1	(1)	**The Maria Callas Collection**	Maria Callas, Stylus
2	(3)	**The Pavarotti Collection**	Luciano Pavarotti, Stylus
3	(6)	**The Collection**	Placido Domingo, Stylus
4	(2)	**A Portrait of Andres Segovia**	Andres Segovia, Stylus
5	*(7)*	***Dennis O'Neill Sings***	*O'Neill/BBC WSO, BBC*
6	(4)	**Vivaldi: Four Seasons**	Virtuosi of England, CFP
7	(5)	**Duets from Famous Operas**	Various, CFP
8	(–)	**Beethoven: Symphony 6**	Karajan/BPO, DG/Galleria
9	(14)	**100 Greatest Classics**	Various, Trax Classique
10	(–)	**An Evening of Strauss**	Georgiadis/LSO, IMP
11	(–)	**Strauss: Waltzes**	Thompson/Hallé, CFP
12	(13)	**Grieg: Peer Gynt Suite**	LPO, CFP
13	(–)	**Orff: Carmina Burana**	Hallé, CFP
14	(–)	**Beethoven: Violin Concerto 5**	Yehudi Menuhin, CFP
15	(–)	**Holst: The Planets**	Karajan/VPO, Decca
16	*(–)*	**Tchaikovsky: 1812 Overture**	*Mackerras/LPO, CFP*
17	(19)	**Beethoven: Symphony 9**	Karajan/BPO, DG/Galleria
18	*(–)*	***Beethoven: Symphony 5***	*Karajan/BPO, DG/Galleria*
19	(16)	**Holst: The Planets**	Hallé, CFP
20	(17)	***Rachmaninov: Piano Concerto 2***	*Philharmonia, CFP*

Source: Music Week Research

WALKS

HISTORIC DOCKLANDS AND THAMES: *meet Tower Hill tube,* 2.30pm, £2.75.

HISTORY OF THE COCKNEYS: *meet St Paul's tube, 11am, £3*

DICKENS'S LONDON: meet *Embankment tube, 11am, £2.25.*

INSIDE THE LAW COURTS: *meet Holborn tube, 2pm, £2.25.*

OTHER EVENTS

KENILWORTH ANTIQUE DEALERS FAIR: English furniture from *medieval* to Regency. Also porcelain, longcase and bracket clocks and early barometers.
Chesford Grange, Kenilworth, Warwickshire. Today until October *24*, daily 11am-6pm, £2 incl. catalogue.

KENT LITERATURE FESTIVAL: *Poetry Encounter*, an entertainment in music and verse for 6 to 11-year-*olds* and parents, 7pm. £1.50, *child* £1; Danny Abse reads his poetry, 6.30pm. £2.50, student £1.25; *Voices in the Gallery* — illustrated readings from poems about paintings *in the Tate Gallery* with Danny and Joan Abse, 8pm. £3, student £1.50.
Arts Centre, The Metropole, Leas, Folkestone, Kent (0303 55070).

WOMEN IN WARTIME: Display of women's magazines published during World War Two. Also clothing, beauty products and munitions made by women.
Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Road, London SE1 (01-735 8922). *Mon-Sat 10am-5.50pm, Sun 2pm-*5.50pm, free.

FRITZ KREISLER: Exhibition on the great violinist, who died 25 years ago this year.
Barbican Music Library, Barbican Centre, London EC2 (01-638 0672). Until November 11, Mon, Wed-Fri, 9.30am-5.30pm, Tue 9.30am-7.30pm, Sat 9.30am-12.30pm, *free.*

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

A CELEBRATION FOR THE SITWELLS: Celebration of Dame *Edith* Sitwell's 100th anniversary, *and Sir Sacheverell Sitwell's 90th* birthday. Dec 6.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1. (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800, information 01-928 3002). Advance booking open. General booking *from Nov 3.*

BELFAST FESTIVAL: Music *includes Fidelio*, with Josephine Barstow and Neil Howlett, Ulster Orchestra and Belfast Philharmonia; 40th anniversary concert of Studio Symphony Orchestra; James Galway with Phillip Moll; Singcircle present Stockhausen's *Stimmung;* Richard Rodney Bennett's one-man show on Gershwin; Montreal Symphony Orchestra with Charles Dutoit and Barry Douglas. Nov 10-28.
Festival Office, 25 College Gardens, Belfast. (0232 665577, cc 0232 666321/247728) Booking now open.

LAST CHANCE

SCHOOL FOR WIVES: Final performances of Molière play, with David Ryall and Julia Ford. Tonight, and matinée and evening tomorrow.
Lyttelton Theatre, South Bank, London SE1. *(01-928 2252).*

BRITISH STAGE AND SCREEN: *Exhibition on two centuries of* British entertainment from Garrick to the present.
Theatre Clwyd, Mold, Clwyd, North Wales. (0352 5631) Ends Sun.

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; ***Films:*** *Geoff Brown;* **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Clive Davis; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Walks and Talks:** Greta Carslaw; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

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OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258. ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Ton't 7.30 The Pearl Fishers. Tomor 7.30 Pacific Overtures.

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MAGGIE SMITH
MARGARET TYZACK in
LETTICE AND LOVAGE
a new comedy by PETER SHAFFER with RICHARD PEARSON directed by MICHAEL BLAKEMORE FEW SEATS STILL AVAILABLE FOR PREVIEW

GREENWICH THEATRE 01-858 7755. cc 01 853 3800 (no bkg fee) From Friday. Eves 7.45. Mats Sat 2.30 (Oct 26 at 7.00) A COLLIER'S FRIDAY NIGHT by D.H. Lawrence.

HAMPSTEAD 722 9301. Eves 8. Sat Mat 4.30 SEPARATION. A New Play by Tom Kempinski. 'A tender heartbreaking love story' Sun Exp. 'Two blazing, searing performances' S. Times.

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL Box Office & cc 01-930 9832 ALAN BATES "AS SPELLBINDING AS EVER" Times "A DAZZLING PIECE OF ACTING" Obs. in
MELON
by SIMON GRAY "DEEPLY ADULT PLAY... TRAGICOMIC IN THE TRUE SENSE OF THE WORD" Sunday Times "BY TURNS SAVAGE AND HILARIOUS, DISTURBING, MOVING AND EVEN HORRIFIC" Sunday Telegraph Directed by CHRISTOPHER MORAHAN Mon-Sat Evgs 8.00 Mats Sats 3.00 First Call 24 Hr 7 day cc bkgs 01-240 7200 (bkg fee). Open All Hours 01 379 4444 (bkg fee) Group Sales 01 930 6123

HER MAJESTY'S Haymarket 839 2244 ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S AWARD WINNING MUSICAL
THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA
DAVE WILLETTS CLAIRE MOORE MICHAEL BALL Rebecca Caine plays Christine at certain performances Directed by HAROLD PRINCE Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3 SOLD OUT TIL 1st JUNE Postal bkgs for Mon-Fri & Wed mats only June - Sept. Phone bookings on 24hr (bkg fee) 379 6131 / 240 7200. QUEUE DAILY FOR RETURNS

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VICTORIA WOOD
TIL OCT 22 STANDING ROOM AVAIL

LYRIC HAMMERSMITH 01 741 2311. Eves 7.45pm Mats Wed 2.30pm Sat 4pm Moliere's THE HYPOCHONDRIAC. LYRIC STUDIO Eves 8pm ATONEMENT by Barry Collins.

LYRIC THEATRE 01 437 3686/01 734 5166
RUSS ABBOT
ONE FOR THE ROAD
by WILLY RUSSELL OPENS TONIGHT @ 7.00 Mon. - Fri. 7.30 Sat. 5.0 & 8.0. Mats. Weds. 3.00. First Call 24hr. 7 day cc 01 240 7200 (Bkg. Fee). CCTB 01 741 9999 (No Bkg. Fee). Grps 01 930 6123. 24hr cc Open All Hours 01 379 4444 (Bkg Fee)

LYTTELTON 'S' Box Office 928 2252 CC (National Theatre's Proscenium Stage) Ton't 7.45. Tomor 2.15 (low price mat) & 7.45 SCHOOL FOR WIVES by Moliere in a new translation by Robert David MacDonald. Fri 7.45 & Sat 2.15 & 7.45 FATHERS & SONS.

MAYFAIR 01 629 3037 From Dec 14 to Jan 2 Twice daily 2.0 & 4.0 Weds & Sats 10.30, 2.0 & 4.0
SOOTY'S XMAS SHOW

MAYFAIR CC 629 3036 379 4444 Mon Thu 8 Fri & Sat 5.40 & 8.10 RICHARD TODD in "The Best Thriller for years" S Mir THE BUSINESS OF MURDER "An unabashed winner" S Exp "SENSATIONAL" Times 7TH THRILLING YEAR!!

MERMAID THEATRE 01 236 5568/638 8891/741 9999 (incl Sun) ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY Today 7.30, final perfs tomor 2.0 & 7.30
THE GREAT WHITE HOPE
by Howard Sackler. 'Brilliant' Guardian. SARCOPHAGUS Fri, Sat. THEY SHOOT HORSES DON'T THEY? rtns 30 Oct - final perfs 31 Oct. Students £4.50 in advance. NEW AUTUMN REPERTOIRE 'The Great White Hope' now finishes on 22 Oct and 'They Shoot Horses, Don't They?' on 31 October. Those with tickets for perfs beyond these dates, please contact the Box Office.

MERMAID THEATRE 01 236 5568/638 8891/741 9999 (incl Sun) ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY
THE ROVER
by Aphra Behn 'A splendid cast led by Jeremy Irons' City Limits OPENS 4 NOVEMBER

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See separate entries under OLIVIER, LYTTELTON, COTTESLOE. Cheap seats days of perfs from 10 am. RESTAURANT 928 2033. CAR PARK. Info: 633 0880. First Call 240 7200 24 hr 7day/Keith Prowse 01-741 9999. Agency Bkg fee.

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CATS
Group Bookings 01 405 1567 or 01 930 6123. NOW BOOKING TO JUNE 88 Some Seats avail for extra Xmas Mats 21, 22, 29, 31 December

OLD VIC 928 7616 cc 261 1821 Eves 7.30. Wed Mats 2.30. Sats 4.0 & 7.45 "THE BEST MUSICAL IN LONDON" NY Post Royal Shakespeare Company in
KISS ME KATE
with PAUL JONES NICHOLA McAULIFFE TIM FLAVIN FIONA HENDLEY "COLE PORTER'S GLORIOUS MUSICAL" D.Tel CC Nos (bkg fee) Open All Hours 379 4444/1st Call 240 7200/KP 741 9999. Grp Sales 930 6123

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PALACE THEATRE 434 0909 cc OPEN ALL HOURS 379 4444 First Call 24Hr 7 Day cc 240 7200 Grp Sales 930 6123 "THE SHOW OF ALL SHOWS" Newsweek Winner of 8 Tony Awards inc BEST MUSICAL
LES MISERABLES
THE MUSICAL SENSATION Eves 7.30 Mats Thu & Sat 2.30 Latecomers not admitted until the interval "FIGHT TO GET A TICKET" LBC

PHOENIX THEATRE 240 9661 836 2294 cc 741 9999 (no bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee)
ALBERT FINNEY
BOB PECK in
J J FARR
by RONALD HARWOOD Directed by Ronald Eyre Eves 8. Mats Thu & Sat 3 Red Price Prevs from 10 Nov Opens 18 Nov

PICCADILLY 437 4506 cc 379 6565/4444 Open All Hours/ 741 9999. "SUBLIME THEATRICAL MAGIC" D.Mail
BLUES IN THE NIGHT
The glorious blues & jazz hit "CAROL WOODS IS SPELLBINDING" The Voice LOW PRICE SHOWS FRI & SAT 6.30 Mon-Thu 8, Fri & Sat 6.30 & 9

PLAYHOUSE Northumberland Ave WC2 839 4401 cc 24hr 240 7200 (bkg fee) 741 9999 (bkg fee) Grps 930 6123 HAZEL O'CONNOR DAVID EASTER HOWARD GOODALL'S
GIRLFRIENDS
A New Musical Mon-Fri 8, Mat Thur 3 Sat 5 & 8.30

PRINCE EDWARD 734 8951 ALL tel cc bkgs FIRST CALL 24 hour 7 day on 836 3464 Grp Sales 930 6123. Mon-Sat 7.30 Mats Thurs & Sat 2.30 BEST MUSICAL 1986 Drama Magazine
CHESS
"A GRAND MASTER OF A SHOW" Newsweek New booking to July 88 APPLY DAILY FOR RETURNS

PRINCE OF WALES 839 5989 RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S
SOUTH PACIFIC
Previews from January 9 24hr cc 1st Call 240 7200. Group Sales 930 6123

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with the TV SHOW STARS "IT'S ALL SAUCE AT THE CAFE OF LAUGHS" D. Exp Eves 8.0. Fri & Sat 5.30 & 8.40 LIMITED SEASON ONLY!

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BEYOND REASONABLE DOUBT
"BRILLIANT" PA "A TRIUMPH" D Exp
"A SMASH HIT" The People
by JEFFREY ARCHER DAVID LANGTON JEFFRY WICKHAM ANDREW CRUICKSHANK Directed by DAVID GILMORE Mon-Fri 8 Mat Thu 3 Sat 5 & 8.30

ROYAL COURT S CC 730 1745. A LIE OF THE MIND by SAM SHEPARD. Eves. 7.30. Sat Mats (from Oct 24) 2.30.

ROYALTY WC2 01 831 0660 CC 01 240 7200 (No bkg fee) Eves 8.00 (Oct 22 7.00). Sat 5.00 & 8.00. Wed Mat 3.00 THE ROYALTY THEATRE COMPANY Until Nov 21 PETER BLYTHE, JUDY CAMPBELL, PAUL DANEMAN, DULCIE GRAY, ANNIE LEON, JENNIE LINDEN, KATHARINE SCHLESINGER in Graham Greene's THE LIVING ROOM Directed by BRYAN FORBES

ROYALTY 01 831 0660 From 23 November Now Booking! not suitable for children under 4 years old WINNIE THE POOH by AA Milne.

SADLERS WELLS please see Opera and Ballet Section.

SAVOY THEATRE 836 8888. CC & Groups 379 6219, 836 0479/ 741 9999. First Call 240 7200 (bkg fee). Group Sales 930 6123
CHARLTON HESTON
GWEN WATFORD BENJAMIN WHITROW and ROY KINNEAR In the Chichester Festival Theatre production of
A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS
BY ROBERT BOLT DIRECTED BY FRANK HAUSER Eves 7.30. Mats Wed & Sats 2.30

SHAFTESBURY THEATRE 379 5399 24hr cc 379 4444/ 240 7200/ 741 9999 DIANA RIGG JULIA McKENZIE DANIEL MASSEY DAVID HEALY & DOLORES GRAY
FOLLIES
The Sondheim/Goldman Musical
"A TRULY FANTASTIC EVENING" FT
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THE MOUSETRAP

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BARRY HUMPHRIES
in
BACK WITH A VENGEANCE!
Mon-Fri 7.30 Sat 2.30 & 8 Red price prevs Nov 10-Nov 14 OPENS NOV 17

STRATFORD UPON AVON (0789) 295623. ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY at RST. Twelfth Night Tonight, Sat 7.30, Mat Tomor 1.30. The Taming of the Shrew Tomor 7.30. Merchant of Venice Fri 7.30. Julius Caesar Mat Sat 1.30. Swan Theatre. The Jew of Malta. Tonight, Sat 7.30, Mat Tomor 1.30. The Revenger's Tragedy Tomor 7.30. Titus Andronicus Fri 7.30. Hyde Park Mat Sat 1.30. Stop - Over Meal/ticket package (0789) 414999.

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THREE MEN ON A HORSE
Directed by Jonathan Lynn "Utterly hilarious" S Times "A Great Night Out" Sun Exp. "An Out-and-out winner" Times. Evgs 8.00 Mats Wed 3.00 Sats 5.00 & 8.30 OVER 100 PERFORMANCES

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HIGH SOCIETY
Directed by Richard Eyre "PURE MAGIC" D.Exp Mon-Fri 7.45 Wed Mat 3 Sat 4.45 & 8.15 NOW BOOKING TO JAN 16

WESTMINSTER 01-834 0283/4 CC 834 0048 From 11 Nov THE LION, THE WITCH & THE WARDROBE From 23 December: THE VOYAGE OF THE DAWN TREADER

WESTMINSTER 01-834 0283/4 CC 834 0048/First Call 24 hr 7 day (bkg fee) 240 7200/Open All Hours 379 4444. TOM BAKER PAULINE JAMESON PETER BALDWIN
AN INSPECTOR CALLS
by JB Priestley "Ingenious detective thriller" Eve Std "Totally absorbing" D Exp Tues-Fri 7.45. Mats Wed & Thur 2.30. Sats 5.0 & 8.15. SEASON ENDS OCT 31

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THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST
Directed and adapted by Lou Stein NOW BOOKING!

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"WICKEDLY ACCURATE" T.L.S.
SERIOUS MONEY
"FURIOUSLY FUNNY" C.L.
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ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS Piccadilly. W1. 01-734 9052. Open daily 10-6 inc Sun. Reduced rate Sun. until 1.45. MASTER DRAWINGS FROM THE WOODNER COLLECTION including works by Leonardo da Vinci, Durer, Cézanne, Picasso. LAST WEEK. CLOSES SUNDAY 25th OCTOBER.

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THACKERAY GALLERY 18 Thackeray St. W8 01-937 5883. RECENT PAINTINGS BY MARDI BARRIE. Until 6 Nov.

THE NEW ART CENTRE. 41 Sloane St. SW1. 01-235 5844 "PETER STARTUP 1921-1976 Still-life Sculpture". Mon-Fri 10-6. Sat 11-3.

THE TRYON & MOORLAND GALLERY 23/24 Cork St. London W1X 1HB. Tel: 01-734 6961/2256. Mon-Fri 9.30-6pm. BIRD REFLECTIONS - An Exhibition by the renowned Swedish Artist LARS JONSSON. 21st Oct - 4th Nov.

ZAMANA GALLERY, 1 Cromwell Gardens, SW7. 584 6612. NICHOLAS EGON - Paintings of Jordan. Until 1 Nov. Tue-Sat 10-5.30. Sun 12-5.30.

CINEMAS

CURZON MAYFAIR Curzon St 499 3737. Yves Montand & Gerard Depardieu in JEAN DE FLORETTE (PG) Film at 1.15 (not Sun) 3.30 6.00 8.30. "Most compelling film in London" D.Tel. "Hugely enjoyable" Std.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

Compiled by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.40 Leon Errol in Oil's Well That Ends Well (b/w). **6.55 Weather.**
7.00 Breakfast Time includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and travel reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25.**
8.40 Open Air. Bob Wellings awaits viewers' comments on yesterday's television output. To participate ring 061-814 0424. **8.55** Regional news and weather.
9.00 News and weather followed by **Neighbours** (r). **9.20 Kilroy.** Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a discussion on a topical matter.
10.00 News and weather followed by **Going for Gold** (r). **10.25 Children's BBC.** Andy Crane with programme news and birthday greetings followed by **Play School** and **Gran** (r).
10.55 Five to Eleven. A thought for the day from Paul Alexander **11.00 News** and weather **11.05 Open Air.** Bob Wellings and Pattie Coldwell introduce programme makers to their critics.
12.00 News and weather **12.05 Daytime Live.** The first of a new magazine series presented by Pamela Armstrong, Alan Titchmarsh, Ross Davidson and Judi Spiers. Today's guests include David Bellamy and with music, Rosser and Davies **12.55** Regional news and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Weather **1.30 Neighbours.** Eileen wastes little time in taking advantage of Shane and Daphne's contretemps **1.50 Going for Gold.** European general knowledge quiz presented by Henry Kelly.
2.15 Film: Magee and the Lady (1977) starring Tony Lo Bianco and Sally Kellerman. A made-for-television adventure about the owner of a re-possessed boat who abducts his creditor's daughter and sets off with her across the Australian bush in pursuit of her father. Directed by Gene Levitt.
3.50 Caterpillar Trail with Stuart Bradley **4.10 Wacky Races** (r). **4.20 Beat the Teacher.** Quiz game. **4.35 Hartbeat.** Tony Hart's novel approach to the art of making pictures. (Ceefax)
5.00 Newsround 5.10 The Fire Raiser. Episode three of the five-part adventure serial.
5.35 Masterteam 87. Quiz game for teams presented by Angela Rippon.
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Philip Hayton. Weather.
6.35 London Plus.
7.00 Wogan. On tonight's guest list are Lord Snowdon, Liz Hobbs, Stephen Roche and Bryan Ferry.
7.35 The Clothes Show. Fashion series presented by Selina Scott. Tonight's programme includes a report on Barcelona's fashion scene (r).
8.00 Bergerac. The Jersey detective investigates another mystery – one that nearly loses him his job. Starring John Nettles (r). (Ceefax)
8.50 Points of View with Anne Robinson.
9.00 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Conservative Party.
9.05 News with Martyn Lewis and Philip Hayton, regional news and weather.
9.35 Jacqueline du Pré plays Elgar's Cello Concerto with the New Philharmonia Orchestra conducted by Daniel Barenboim. An *Omnibus* programme first shown in 1967 and again, updated, in 1982
10.50 Sportsnight introduced by Steve Rider. **International Snooker:** the Rothmans Grand Prix; **Gymnastics:** the World Championships from Rotterdam; and **Tennis:** Gerald Williams talks to Bjorn Borg. Plus, news of tonight's European football competitions matches.
12.35 Weather.

BBC2

9.00 Ceefax 9.43 Daytime on Two: leisure time in Spain **10.00** For the very young **10.15** Fabrics **10.38** Nuts and berries **11.00** Words and pictures **11.18** Maths investigations **11.40** A sixth sense **12.05** Working with the elderly and handicapped **12.28** Leaving home to live in a bed-sit **12.50** Making home videos **1.20** For the young **1.38** Part two of a Viking drama **2.00 News** and weather **2.02** Storytime.
2.15 International Snooker. The Rothmans Grand Prix. Includes news and weather at **3.00** and **3.50.**
5.00 Motofair 87. Mike Smith and Janet Ellis at the 1987 London Motorshow at Earl's Court.
5.30 Advice Shop. The first of three programmes examining ways of getting a better home on a low income.
6.00 Film: Pure Hell of St Trinian's (1960, b/w) starring Cecil Parker, George Cole and Joyce Grenfell. The fourth form end up in the dock at the Old Bailey after burning down their school and are sent down. Now the authorities can relax – or can they? Directed by Frank Launder.
7.30 Cartoon Two. Abracadabra (r).
7.40 The Victorian Kitchen Garden. Part six of the 13-part series following the rebuilding of a walled garden. (Ceefax)
8.10 Bookmark: A Visit from Vanya. A film recording a series of masterclasses given by Moscow Arts Theatre director Oleg Yefremov to the British-American Drama Academy in London and the Royal Shakespeare Company in Stratford.
9.00 The Shiralee. Episode one of a two-part adaptation of D'Arcy Niland's Australian novel about a strong-willed man who, after finding his showgirl wife in bed with another man, leaves her taking their six-year-old daughter with him. The story follows their progress as they walk from town to town looking for work. Starring Bryan Brown and Rebecca Smart and directed by George Ogilvie.
10.35 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Conservative Party.
10.40 Newsnight 11.25 Weather.

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am introduced by Kay Burley and Richard Keys. News at **6.00** and **6.30**; weather at **6.28** and **6.58**; financial news at **6.35**; sport at **6.40**; and exercises at **6.55.**
7.00 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. Includes news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00**; cartoon at **7.25**; sport at **7.40**; and pop music at **7.55.** After Nine includes a recipe from chef Patrick Anthony.
9.25 Thames news headlines.
9.30 Runway. Travel quiz presented by Chris Serle **10.00 Santa Barbara.** American soap **10.25 News** headlines **10.30 The Time... The Place...** Mike Scott chairs a discussion on a topical subject.
11.10 Allsorts. For the young (r). **11.25 Thames news** headlines **11.30** *Getting On.* Captain Lawrence Portet, recently retired master of the QE2, and his wife talk about a life at sea and their retirement plans **12.00 The Sullivans.** Drama serial about an Australian family during the 1940s.
12.30 News 12.50 Thames news.
1.00 A Country Practice. Medical drama serial set in a remote Australian township **2.00 Heirloom.** Valuables from China.
2.30 Frocks on the Box. Fashion series presented by Marie Helvin, Muriel Gray and Harry Enfield. This week's programme includes a glimpse of Fascinating Aida's wardrobe **3.00 Take the High Road.** Drama in the Scottish highlands **3.25 Thames news** headlines **3.30 Sons and Daughters.** Australian family drama serial.
4.00 The Pondles 4.10 The Adventures of Tintin 4.20 The Adventures of Teddy Ruxpin 4.45 Stop That Laughing at the Back.
5.15 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game for teenagers.
5.45 News 6.00 Thames news.
6.25 Help with advice on the powers and responsibilities of school governors.
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 This Is Your Life. Eamonn Andrews surprises another unsuspecting worthy.
7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle)
8.00 Des O'Connor Tonight. The first of a new series. Among the guests are Freddie Starr and Anne Diamond.
9.00 The London Embassy. Episode one of a new drama series based on the novel by Paul Theroux set in the American Embassy in London. (Oracle) (see Choice)
10.00 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Conservative Party.
10.05 News and weather followed by Thames news headlines.
10.35 Midweek Sport Special introduced by Nick Owen. **Football:** highlights from this evening's European competitions games. Among the teams in action are Rangers, Dundee United, Aberdeen, St Mirren, Real Madrid, Barcelona and Juventus. The commentators are Martin Tyler and John Helm.
11.45 Film: The Joker Is Wild (1957, b/w) starring Frank Sinatra and Mitzi Gaynor. The biographical story of night club entertainer Joe E Lewis, beginning in Chicago at the time of Prohibition. Directed by Charles Vidor.
2.00 America's Top Ten presented by Casey Kasem.
2.30 News headlines followed by **WKRP in Cincinnati.** American comedy series.
3.00 Film: The Beast Must Die (1974) starring Peter Cushing and Calvin Lockhart. A millionaire big game hunter invites a party of house guests to help him track down and kill a werewolf. Directed by Paul Annett.
4.35 Fifty Years On (b/w). Vintage newsclips from 1937.
5.00 ITN World News 5.30 CNN Headline News. Ends at **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Schools.
12.00 Business Daily. Business and financial news service.
12.30 Just 4 Fun. (Oracle)
1.00 Women: The Way Ahead. For women who are returning to study or full-time employment after a period of absence. (Oracle)
1.30 Reaching Agreement. Skills needed in successful communication. (Oracle)
2.00 Their Lordships' House (r).
2.15 Film: Brandy for the Parson (1951, b/w) starring James Donald, Jean Lodge and Kenneth More. Comedy about a holiday-making couple who become unwittingly involved in the activities of a brandy smuggler. Directed by John Eldridge.
3.40 Down to Sussex (1965). A British Rail travelogue extolling the scenic beauty of Sussex. Directed by Kenneth Fairbairn.
4.00 Mavis on 4. Mavis Nicholson in conversation with science fiction writer Harry Harrison.
4.30 Countdown.
5.00 Cartoon Carnival.
5.30 I Dream of Jeannie. Vintage American comedy series.
6.00 Family Ties. Comedy series (r).
6.30 Working It Out. What working lives will be like in two decades time. (Oracle)
7.00 Channel 4 News includes a film made with Kenneth Baker about how he sees the future of education in this country, followed by a studio discussion.
7.50 Comment and **Weather.**
8.00 Changing Faces. Part five – the Victorians.
8.30 A Week in Politics includes an examination of Dublin's doubts about British justice and an interview with French presidential hopeful, Laurent Fabius.
9.00 Play: Day to Remember, by Jack Rosenthal, starring George Cole. A comedy about a man who cannot remember five minutes ago, spending Christmas with his wife at their married daughter's home (r).
10.00 Chiefs. Part two of the story of three generations of the police department in a small Georgia town and it is now 1945 (r).
11.50 International Sprint Rowing. The Westminster Serpentine Regatta.
12.30 Their Lordships' House. Ends at **12.45.**

George Cole (seated), with Rosemary Leach, Ron Cook and Barbara Flynn: Day to Remember, Channel 4, 9.00pm

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today 6.35-7.00 Juice 12.10am-12.40 Star-Spangled Rugby 12.40-12.45 News SCOTLAND 10.30am-11.00 Dotaman 6.35-7.00 Reporting Scotland 12.10am-12.15 Weather NORTHERN IRELAND 5.35pm-5.40 Today's Sport 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster 6.35-7.00 Masterteam 87 12.10am-12.15 News and weather ENGLAND 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines.

BBC2 SCOTLAND: 11.40am-12.05pm Around Scotland NORTHERN IRELAND: 10.30am-11.00 Ulster in Focus WALES: 8.30am-8.55 Masterteam 2.15pm-3.35 International Snooker 3.35-4.30 Star-Spangled Rugby 4.30 International Snooker (rejoining network).

ANGLIA As London except:12.00-12.30pm Gardens for All 12.50-1.00 News 6.00-6.35 About Anglia 11.45 Film: Empire of the Ants 1.30-2.30 Nashville Swing Double Bill 5.00 America's Top Ten 5.30 Punky Brewster 6.00 Close.

BORDER As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News 3.00 Out of Town 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00-6.35 Lookaround 10.35 Scotsport 12.05am Close

CENTRAL As London except:12.00-12.30pm Young Doctors 12.50 News 1.00-2.00 Airwolf 6.00-6.35 News 11.45 Film: Great Gold Swindle 1.30 UFO 2.25 Portrait of a Legend 2.50 News, Jobfinder.

GRANADA As London except:12.50pm Granada Reports 1.00-2.00 Blacks's Magic 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00 Granada Reports 6.25 This is Your Right 6.30-7.00 Crossroads 11.45 America's Top 10 12.20am Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except:12.00-12.30pm Gardening Time 12.50 News 1.00-2.00 Love Boat 6.00-6.35 News 11.45 Journey to the Unknown 12.45am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except:6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six.

TSW As London except:12.00-12.30pm Gardens for All 12.50-1.00 News 5.15-5.45 Crossroads 6.00 Today 6.30-7.00 Emmerdale Farm 11.45 Private View 12.00 Postscript, Closedown.

TVS As London except:12.00-12.30pm Young Doctors 12.50 News 1.00 Coast to Coast People 1.30 Country Practice 2.00-2.30 Sullivans 3.00 Scribble 3.30-4.00 Take the High Road 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.25-6.35 Police Five 11.45 Bliss in Concert 12.15am Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News 6.00-6.35 Northern Life 11.45 Connie 12.45am One World Week, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except:12.50pm-1.00 Newstime 3.30-4.00 How Does Your Garden Grow? 6.00 Six Tonight 6.20-6.35 Ask Anne 11.45 Tide of Change 12.15am News, close

YORKSHIRE As London except:12.00-12.30pm Lunchtime Live 12.50 News 12.55 Help Yourself 1.00-2.00 Falcon Crest 6.00-6.35 Calendar 11.45 Derrick 12.50am Jobfinder

S4C Starts:9.30am Schools 12.00 Business Daily 12.30pm Countdown 1.00 Open College 1.30 Business of Excellence 2.00 World Series Baseball 3.00 Old Country 3.30 Mister Ed* 4.00 Ffalabalam 4.15 Ysbrydion Y Mor 4.30 Bilidowcar 5.00 Cartoon 5.15 Mavis on Four 5.45 American Football 7.00 Newyddion Saith 7.30 Hawl I Wybod 8.00 Hel Straeon 8.30 Snwcer a Rygbi 9.45 Kate and Allie 10.15 Tandoori Nights 10.45 Week in Politics 11.15 Sounds of Surprise 12.55am Close.

Now, the WestEnders

TELEVISION CHOICE

Carol Royle and Kristoffer Tabori in part one of Paul Theroux's The London Embassy: on ITV, 9.00pm

● "I'm English. I don't shake hands," announces an old duffer to a new young diplomat, Spencer Monroe Savage, at the American Embassy in London's Grosvenor Square. **The London Embassy** (ITV, 9.00pm), based on Paul Theroux's short stories, takes a mildly wry look at the social gulfs between us and them. This first of six episodes, which is scripted by Theroux himself, spends rather longer on acclimatization than on narrative. The main point of curiosity, for Londoners at any rate, is the flat that Savage finds for himself and its costs: a snip at £90,000 for a vast mansion block apartment on Prince of Wales Drive. Is he the luckiest man in London? Or is this actually set some years ago and we haven't been told? What plot there is, beyond flat-hunting, centres on a romantic misunderstanding, though Theroux's real love affair is with London itself. Its inhabitants may be bloody-minded, sticklers for rules and regulations, impossibly snobbish or just plain daft, but their capital is "the last habitable big city in the world." Secrecy and privacy are taken to be two of its best qualities. These qualities, in fact, count hugely against film-makers: at the first sight of a camera crew, residents are up in arms. Congestion and lack of official co-operation provide further obstacles, and altogether London, of all the world's capitals, is one of the hardest to film in. The star of this show is, therefore, conspicuous by its absence in this opening episode, and our view of it is restricted mainly to its parklands. The Americans, typically, are more helpful in this respect and they let Thames Television inside their Embassy for the filming of the series.

Chris Petit

Radio 1

MW (medium wave) Stereo on VHF (see below)
5.30 am Adrian John, **7.00** Mike Smith's Breakfast Show **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30** pm Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** Janice Long **10.00-12.00** John Peel. **VHF** Stereo Radios 1 and 2: **4.00** am As Radio 2 **8.00** pm Folk on 2 **8.30** Woodie Guthrie **9.00** Listen to the Band **10.00** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00** am As Radio 2

Radio 2

MW (medium wave) Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)
4.00 am Colin Berry **5.30** Ray Moore **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05** pm David Jacobs **2.05** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Jim Lloyd presents Folk on 2 **8.00** European Soccer Special **9.30** Listen to the Band (joining vhf) **10.00** It's a Funny Business (Billy 'Uke' Scott) **10.30** The Music Goes Round at 78 rpm **11.00** Round Midnight (includes Brian Matthew's interview with Katharine Hepburn, recorded in the US) **1.00** am Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Light Music.

WORLD SERVICE

Times in GMT. Add an hour for BST
6.00am Newsdesk 6.30 Londres Matin 7.00 News 7.09 24 Hours 7.30 Development '87 8.00 News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Classical Record Review 8.30 My Music 9.00 News 9.09 Review of British Press 9.15 World Today 9.30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup 9.45 Spinners and Friends 10.00 News 10.01 Omnibus 10.30 Conch Quiz 11.00 News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 Natural Selection 11.25 A Letter from Wales 11.30 Londres Matin 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15pm Time for Verse 12.25 Farming World 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 1.09 24 Hours 1.30 Development '87 2.00 Outlook 2.45 Report on Religion 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 Three Wishes 3.30 Don't Stop Now, It's Fundation 4.00 News 4.09 Commentary 4.15 Essay on Popular Music 4.45 World Today 5.00 News 5.09 A Letter From Wales 5.15 English by Radio 5.45 Londres Soir 6.30 Heute Aktuel 8.00 News 8.09 24 Hours 8.30 Assignment 9.00 News 9.01 Network UK 9.15 Essays on Popular Music 9.45 Recording of the Week 10.00 News 10.09 World Today 10.25 A Letter from Wales 10.30 Financial News 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Write On... 11.30 Multitrack 2 – Top Twenty 12.00 News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Don't Stop Now, It's Fundation 1.00 News 1.01 Outlook 1.30 Waveguide 1.40 Book Choice 1.45 Training for Tomorrow 2.00 News 2.09 Review of British Press 2.15 Network UK 2.30 Assignment 3.00 News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 World Today 3.30 The World of Science Fiction 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Six Four Eight 4.35 Financial News 4.45 Morgenmagazin 5.45 World Today.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather **7.00** News
7.05 Morning Concert: Coleridge-Taylor (Petite suite de concert Op 77: Philharmonia under George Weldon), Robert Morton (J'ay le monde regardé, and works by Walter Frye and attributions to Charles the Bold, Duke of Burgundy (Gothic Voices), Fauré (Barcarolles Nos 12 and 13: Jean-Philippe Collard, piano), Dvorak (Czech Suite Op 39 (Lausanne CO under Armin Jordan) **8.00** News
8.05 Morning Concert (contd): Telemann (Concerto for flute, oboe d'amore, and viola in E (Academy of Ancient Music), Sullivan (Symphony in E, the Irish: Royal Liverpool PO under Groves)
9.00 World Service News
9.10 This Week's Composer: Bartok. Sonata (Cherkassky, piano), Nine little piano pieces, Book 2 (Erzsebet Tusa, piano), Piano Concerto No 2 (Pollini, with Chicago SO under Abbado)
10.00 Boccherini: Cello Concerto in B flat, G 482 (Frederic Lodeon, cello, with Bournemouth Sinfonietta under Guschlbauer), Symphony No 4 (New Philharmonia under Leppard)
10.45 Piano recital: Robert Taub plays Beethoven's Sonata in F minor Op 2 No 1; and Brahms's Seven Fantasies Op 116
11.35 Matinee Musicale: BBC Concert Orchestra, under Nicholas Cleobury, with David Whitson (trombone) and John Alley (piano). Dohnanyi's Wedding Waltz; David Gow's Trombone Concertino; Paul Vidal's Gavotte, Zino Zina; Marcel Poot's Impromptu for trombone and piano; Guilmant's Morceau symphonique; Carlo Martelli's Aubade; and Phyllis Tate's London Fields suite
12.30 Off the Beaten Track: Miles Kington with recordings by musicians who play more that one instrument at the same time **1.00** News
1.05 Concert Hall: Jonathan Williams (horn), Peter Manning (violin), Caroline Palmer (piano). Schubert's Sonata in A major for violin and piano; Brahms's Trio in E flat major for horn, violin, piano
2.00 Georg Solti: he conducts the LSO and its Chorus in Borodin's Polovtsian Dances, and Bartok's Music for strings, percussion and celesta
2.50 Record Review: with Paul Vaughan. Includes Nicholas Anderson's guide to recordings of Vivaldi's Six Concertos Op 10 for flute or recorder. And Jean Steane on new opera records (r)
4.00 Choral Evensong: from Exeter Cathedral. A live transmission. The organ voluntary is Paean, by Leighton. The organist is Lucian Nethsingha
5.00 World Service News
5.10 Midweek Choice: Bach (Partita No 6 in E minor: Gould, piano), Boccherini (Guitar Quintet, No 9 in C: Pepe Romero, with Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields Chamber Ensemble), Beethoven (Egmont incidental music: Birgit Nilsson, soprano, with Philharmonia under Klemperer), Spohr (Clarinet Concerto No 1: Karl Leister, with Stuttgart Radio SO under De Burgos), Berlioz (Waverley overture: RPO under Beecham) **6.55** News
7.00 Piano music: Simon Shewring plays David Harries's Sonata No 2, and Samuel Barber's Four Excursions, Op 20
7.30 European Community Chamber Orchestra, under Dmitri Demetriades, with Colin Carr (cell). From Cardiff. Part one. Mozart (Divertimento in D, K 251), and Haydn (Concerto for cello and orchestra in C, H VIIb 1)
8.20 Six Continents: foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC
8.40 Concert (part two): Barber (Adagio for Strings), Bartok (Seven Romanian folk dances), Haydn (Symphony No 28)
9.25 The Little Platoon: the fourth of eight documentaries about the diplomatic struggle over the Falklands. With Michael Charlton. Tonight: A Totally Uncompromising Lobby (r)
10.10 Bach: Six Leipzig Cantatas: the Nos 180, and 79. Raglan Baroque Players and Singers under Nicholas Kraemer, with soloists Kwella, Fisher, Chance, Kendall and George
10.55 Manchester Chamber Music: Coull String Quartet. Schubert (Quartet in E flat, D 87), Quartet in A minor, D 804
11.50 First Night: Scottish Opera's production of Lulu, in Glasgow, is reviewed by Peter Conrad
11.57 News **12.00** Closedown

Radio 4

LW (long wave). (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping Forecast **6.00** News **6.10** Farming **6.25** Prayer (s)
6.30 Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.57** Weather; Travel
9.00 News
9.05 Midweek with Libby Purves and her studio guests(s)
10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time. From Renfrewshire where members of Bridge of Weir Horticultural Society put their queries to the team
10.30 Morning Story: The Lesson; by John Halstead. The reader is the author
10.45 Daily Service (New Every Morning, page 46) (s)
11.00 News; Travel; The Wednesday Feature. The Little Ship. Patrick Stenson follows the maritime adventures of a motor yacht, commissioned in the same year as the Titanic, 1912, and retired only last year (see Choice)
11.47 Enquire within: Dilly Barlow attempts to answer your questions
12.00 News; You and Yours: with John Buckley
12.25 Kingsley Amis Sextet: adapted by John Scotney from the short stories by Amis. Today:Affairs of Death, with Peter Jeffrey as Pope Leo IX, and Kent Stott as Macbeth (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Woman's Hour; with Jenni Murray. Includes an interview with Clare Francis, the yachtswoman and writer. Also the final instalment of Margery Allingham's The Fashion in Shrouds
3.00 News; The Afternoon Play: You in Your Small Corner; by John Naismith. Cast includes Henry Stamper, Rusty Livingstone, and Maggie McCarthy. The story of a son with musical flair, and not much chance to take advantage of it (s)
3.47 Time for Verse: Nuala Ni Dhomhnaill presents a selection of Irish poetry in English translation. Bardic Poems and Fenian Lays
4.00 News
4.05 File on 4: Michael Robinson reports on the practical issues of opting out of the education system – schools electing not to be controlled by the local authority (r)
4.45 Kaleidoscope Extra: Wish you Were Her? Margaret Walters re-examines screen images of women today and asks if they represent a truer portrait of women now than they did in the early days of Hollywood
5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 News, incl Financial Report
6.30 I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue: Panel game, with Tim Brooke-Taylor, Barry Cryer, Graeme Garden, and Willie Rushton. Trying to keep a semblance of order: Humphrey Lyttleton (r) (s)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Face the Facts: John Waite investigates complaints about injustice, sharp practice and abuse of power
7.45 About Face: Peter Evans looks on as scientists examine the human face (last of three programmes)
8.15 Analysis: "America's Attic". Canadians have long been haunted by this image of their country. David Wheeler explores the new direction in Canadian policy
9.00 Thirty-minute Theatre: "Speak to Us, Ruth"; by Rachel Wyatt. The story of a man and two women - one of them his wife - on a remote island (r) (s)
9.30 Down the Market: Allan Smith visits Bermondsey antiques market
9.45 Kaleidoscope: items include A Lie of the Mind, at the Royal Court Theatre, London; and the film Witches of Eastwick
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: Tarka the Otter; by Henry Williamson (3 of 10)
10.30 The World Tonight
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News; Weather
VHF as above except: **11.00am-12.00** For Schools. **11.00** Singing Together **11.20** Junior Drama Workshop **11.40** Reading Corner **11.50** Poetry Corner **11.55-3.00pm** For Schools **1.55** Listening Corner **2.05** Wavelength Plus **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **12.30-1.10am** Schools night-time. Geography: Our Changing World. **12.30** Wuhan **12.50** Shenzhen/Sha Tin

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1:1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m; Radio 2: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m:VHF-90-92.5; Radio 4: 200kHz/1500m: VHF-92-95; LBC:1152kHz/261m: VHF 97.3; Capital: 1548kHz/194m: VHF95.8; BBC Radio London: 1458kHz/206m: VHF 94.9; World Service: MF 648kHz/463m.

RADIO CHOICE

Lightoller: Radio 4, 11.00am

● Written and produced by a brother and sister, **The Little Ship** (Radio 4, 11.00am) works hard – and, I think, successfully – to establish a similar kinship between the documentary's subject, a 60ft motor yacht called Sundowner, and the various humans who attached themselves to her during a lifetime of drama. Fortunately, only once does anyone actually stoop to anthropomorphism, and that is when Raymond Baxter, in his capacity as admiral of the Association of Dunkirk Little Ships, talks about Sundowner's soul. It is clear, from Patrick Stenson's script that it was the builder's and navigator's skills, and not anything intrinsically spiritual about Sundowner, that brought her safely through sundry storms and – her finest hour – the dive-bombing and strafing she passed through as she lifted 120 men off the Dunkirk beaches in 1940 (we can practically hear producer Diana Stenson whooping with joy as she raids the BBC's sound effects library). *The Little Ship* establishes a fascinating link between Sundowner and the Titanic because the yacht's first owner was Charles Lightoller, the only senior officer to survive the liner disaster.

Peter Davalle

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Hi-tech industry 'put in danger'

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

The Government's refusal to spend money on space research and development has put Britain's future high technology industries in jeopardy, a former United States defence adviser said in London yesterday.

Dr Robert Bowman, president of the Institute for Space and Security Studies, said such industries would in future be built on the back of space programmes. But Britain's aerospace industry should not rely on any large contracts from the Strategic Defence Initiative or "Star Wars" programme to compensate for its government's failure to support a future space plan.

He recalled that America's European allies and Canada together have won bids worth £53 million, or two per cent, of the £2,650 million worth of contracts awarded over the past two years.

Yet when the first SDI cooperation agreement was signed by Britain and the US nearly two years ago by Mr Michael Heseltine, then Secretary of State for Defence, up to £1,000 million worth of research work was expected to be placed in Britain.

Dr Bowman predicted that the SDI programme would be largely scrapped when President Reagan retired next year. He saw the offer of contracts as a carrot used by the Reagan Administration to gain Nato political involvement.

Dr Bowman argued that the Government's rejection of a British space plan, proposed by the British National Space Centre, was short-sighted. The Government was shooting itself in the foot, because British space scientists and space engineers would have nowhere to go but the US.

His remarks coincided with the cancellation yesterday of an important conference meant to have added to the pressure on the Government to back Britain's space programme. Apparently only about 25 people said they would attend the meeting, planned for today by the Adam Smith Institute.

Key speakers were to have included Mr Roy Gibson, former head of the British National Space Centre, and Sir Geoffrey Pattie, the former industry minister who established the British space centre to co-ordinate Britain's space programme and asked for a future space plan. Mr Gibson resigned after the Government rejected his plans to boost the space programme.

Mr Michael Simmonds, the institute's conference organiser, denied that the all-day seminar was cancelled because so few people wanted to attend. He said the institute had decided to produce a report on the importance of space instead of holding the seminar because "that would have a greater impact". However, letters cancelling the London meeting were sent out only last week, and several people turned up, not knowing the meeting was off.

Paris agrees on the short look for day or night

Creations from the Paris fashion tsars: Embroidered pink candy stripes from Chanel, folds and twirls from Ungaro for a taffeta evening dress, and a tiger-print skirt from Valentino (Photographs: Harry Kerr).

From Liz Smith, Fashion Editor, Paris

The superstars of Paris fashion are agreed. Dior, Valentino, Chanel and Ungaro have all endorsed the same strong message. It is fine to wear the short short skirt day and night. It's OK to set out in shorts even in diaphanous lace. Wear flowers and chintzy prints from head to toe if you like and then mix them up with pinstripes and bold checks.

As the Dow Jones plummeted, hemlines in Paris continued to soar as the giants in the fashion business took over the Paris catwalks and delivered their ultimatum, disproving the theory of the fashion historian, James Laver, that a woman's skirt lengthens when the economy is booming.

By far the strongest advice to women coming through from the top established names is simply to have a fling with fashion and let rip in a flurry of short skirts and strike out into the vibrant new colours.

Karl Lagerfeld at Chanel uses the same pastel check tweeds and cuts the same cardigan-style suit with a wrap skirt that Mademoiselle Chanel herself loved. But the traditional Chanel suit has never been this short or fitted quite so snugly to the waist. For Chanel, Karl Lagerfeld has the gypsy in his soul. Flounced short dirndls, tight Romany cropped trousers, short jackets and a mad jangle of primary colour drove home the gypsy theme.

But the roses that flower right through the Paris shows are replaced at Chanel by the camellia, Coco's signature flourish in the new colourful prints and trimming straw boaters which the models carried — and which turned out to be the new hat-shaped Chanel bag.

The sun is the theme at Dior, and yellow is their strong colour story. The fichu collar reappears right through Marc Bohan's collection for Dior, and alongside his sun prints there are the sprigs and bouquets of flowers that will give Paris its pastoral feel next spring.

Valentino is a designer who understands glamour. Caviar, bortsch and blinis were served at his little dinner party on the eve of his show. Among the glamorous treats in his new collection are tiny jewelled dresses over which flutter skirts in tiger print organza. Valentino brings back the trapeze line in tiny high-waisted tents and tiered dresses with an added flourish of a flounce that swings high at the back. His popular jungle prints reappear for summer in T-shirting as well as organza.

In a display of flamboyance that provided little for the average English, Ungaro suggests a few new twists and knots to tighten up still further his famous draped and swagged line. His double-knotted sarong skirts are fun, pulled taut this way and that, once high on one hip and then again further down on the opposite thigh.

Ungaro offers no hope to the woman who has not worked on her muscle tone. The silhouette is whipped into line in a flurry of ruching in vivid flower prints mixed up with polka dots, checks and chalk stripes.

This has been a vintage ready-to-wear season, which winds up today with a show from the supremo himself, Yves Saint Laurent, and the presentation of the fashion Oscars at the Opéra tonight.

KGB hover as Soviet 'mental patient' talks

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Titov, who will be leaving for Israel soon, said that when he left the hospital near Smolensk a number of political prisoners remaining there — whose names he read out in painstaking detail — had pleaded with him to take their cases to the outside world.

"When you are committed to a special psychiatric hospital, you are given no length of sentence. You can stay in that hell for 20 years or more," he added.

"That is why suicide is such a common way out. In my time in the hospital, 11 people killed themselves as the only way to escape the torture of the daily drug sessions."

Every time a new reporter arrived at the unusual conference, he or she would have to shout their identity before the locked door to the shabby flat was opened.

Also present was an Orthodox Russian priest in black robes, who claimed that incarceration in psychiatric hospitals remained a favourite method in the Soviet Union for dealing with believers who were inconvenient to the state.

Because of the secrecy and sensitivity surrounding the issue, no accurate figure of those political prisoners now locked away in Soviet mental institutions is available.

But detailed cases of 14 were handed round yesterday on flimsy, carbon-copied sheets and the total is considered by Western diplomatic sources to be well into the hundreds.

Ministers express concern

Thatcher 'works too hard'

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Senior ministers are voicing misgivings about what they see as Mrs Thatcher's excessive workload and her determination to be involved in the detailed planning of all main legislation for the coming year.

The Prime Minister has taken charge of the three Cabinet committees dealing with the most contentious items on the Government's legislative agenda, the introduction of the community charge, and widespread reforms in the fields of education and housing.

She also chairs the crucial committee on the inner cities, whose work cuts across several government departments and whose tasks have been made such a high priority for her third Parliament.

Senior ministers are expressing the view that in her unchallengeable position in the Conservative Party, and as a leading figure on the world stage, the Prime Minister should be prepared to stand back from the fray and leave the details of implementing her programme to her Cabinet colleagues.

They fear that by displaying what they regard as an almost obsessive wish to see through a manifesto which she sees as very much her own creation, the Prime Minister is taking several risks.

She may give the impression that the Government is a one-man band and that she does not trust her colleagues to get on with the job.

By associating herself so closely with all the controversial areas of legislation, the inevitable setbacks that will occur as the Bills pass through Parliament will be seen as personal defeats for her.

Ministers think she also risks losing her grip on international events by devoting an excessive amount of time to domestic affairs.

There have been recent suggestions from Irish government sources that the Prime Minister should do more to follow through the Anglo-Irish agreement.

British economic base is sound, says Lawson

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bank-lending figures and the fact that Britain was heading for an £8 billion deficit on manufacturing trade by the end of the year. The fall had also been affected by an unchecked consumer lending boom.

He predicted that the BP share issue would be a failure. The institutions that had underwritten the issue would be left with shares which they did not want to hold and which they were bound to unload at some time — the worst possible prescription for one of Britain's greatest companies.

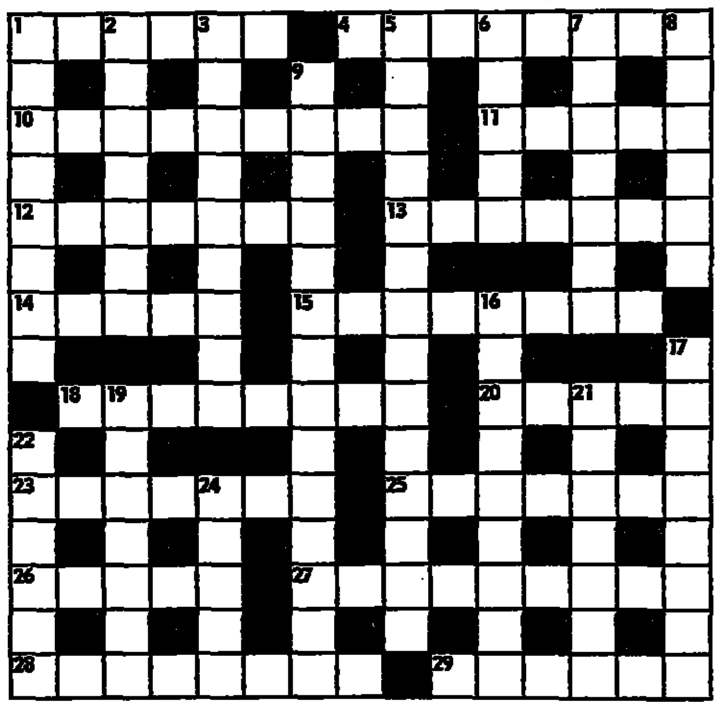
● Mr Michael Meacher, the shadow employment secretary, has warned workers thinking of joining company share schemes to reconsider after the Stock Exchange crash.

He said it was clear that the bullish market had to come to an end.

"The great danger to workers is the close association that company share schemes have with jobs", he said. "If this financial collapse goes on, not only are the workers' shares in danger, but also their jobs. If shares suffer, jobs suffer too."

Mr Meacher, who was speaking to a group of industrial journalists, said there would be a sea-change not just in the economy, but in the political field as well. He said the Tories' "blitz" of the election was now over and the country was going to see a very different economic scene.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,493



This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 15 of the 22 competitors in the 1987 national final of The Times Collins Dictionaries Crossword Championship.

ACROSS

1 Bearish old City function (6).
4 Raise signal to change ends (8).
10 Order for imprisonment — or burial? (9).
11 Climb in gear (3-2).
12 Resolution for the withdrawal of bonds (7).
13 It supported three well-bred girls (7).
14 Shakespearian heroine loses church money (5).
15 Made a penny for each bird (8).
18 Strap left buckled on leather breastplate (8).
20 Off the top of one's head, one might call it a trophy (5).
23 Boy with degree in charge of stone work (7).
25 Female ruff and variegated tern come down to earth (2-5).
26 Label American flower in Spain (5).
27 Opening in profit, say by a pound (9).
28 Truly the right beath for a young horse (8).
29 He ranks as a Leveller (6).

DOWN

1 A Continental pair split up (8).
2 House on deferred terms, say, belonging to an Arab (7).
3 A casino is, in essence, a bit of a racket (9).
5 A lunar deviant — one disposed to worry about his health (14).
6 "O what a _____ and peasant slave am I" (*Hamlet*) (5).
7 Prompt service needed for car indicator (7).
8 Young chap admits university course has folded (6).
9 Written instruction detailing the business to be done (5,9).
16 Traveller's fare (9).
17 Diamond held in the hand (8).
19 Name G A Sala made up — Italian, of course (7).
21 Changed to high note on reed, perhaps (7).
22 Uneasy about German with forger's shop (6).
24 Sounding like the letter n of 'organ' (5).

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WEATHER

Much of England and Wales will be cloudy, with rain, especially in northern areas. Clearer though showery weather over the South-west will spread north-east to most parts with sunny periods developing. Scotland will have a cloudy and wet day with the rain heavy at times. Northern Ireland will probably escape the rain and will have some sunshine in more western parts.After a mild night it will become fresher. Light winds will become moderate to fresh. Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: sunny periods and showers, especially in the North at first, becoming generally dry with some overnight patchy fog and a touch of frost.

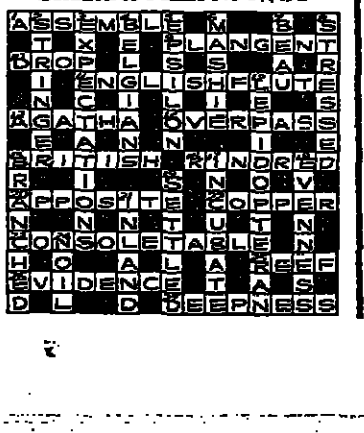
ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	22	72	Madrid	c	15	59
Akrotiri	s	26	79	Majorca	f	25	77
Alex'dria	f	25	77	Malaga	s	21	70
Algiers	s	26	79	Malta	s	24	75
Amst'dm	f	13	55	Melb'rne	c	17	63
Athens	f	20	68	Mexico C*	s	22	72
Bahrain	s	31	88	Miami*	c	30	86
Barbads*	c	28	82	Milan	s	16	61
Barcelna	f	22	72	Montreal*	f	15	59
Beirut				Moscow	c	1	34
Belgrade	f	17	63	Munich	s	13	55
Berlin	c	11	52	Nairobi	f	28	82
Bermuda*	c	26	79	Naples	s	23	73
Biarritz	r	17	63	N Delhi	s	25	77
Borde'x	c	17	63	N York*	s	18	64
Brussels	c	15	59	Nice	s	22	72
Budapst	c	14	57	Oslo	c	10	50
B Aires*	s	23	73	Paris	f	16	61
Cairo	f	28	82	Perth	f	22	72
Cape Tn	c	28	82	Prague	c	10	50
C'blanca	f	22	72	Reykjvik	s	2	36
Chicago*	f	13	55	Rhodes	s	22	72
Ch'church	c	12	54	Rio de J	c	21	70
Cologne	f	10	50	Riyadh	s	36	97
C'phagn	s	13	55	Rome	f	23	73
Corfu	s	23	73	Salzburg	s	13	55
Dublin	c	13	55	S F'risco*	s	17	63
Dubrovnik	s	22	72	Santiago*	s	23	73
Faro	s	19	66	S Paulo*	d	20	68
Florence	s	20	68	Seoul	c	10	50
Frankfurt	c	10	50	St'kholm	c	10	50
Funchal	f	20	68	Strasb'rg	c	9	48
Geneva	c	11	52	Sydney	r	15	59
Gibraltar	f	22	72	Tangier	f	21	70
Helsinki	c	5	41	Tel aviv	s	26	79
Hong K	r	26	79	Tenerife	c	23	73
Innsbrck	s	16	61	Tokyo	f	21	70
Istanbul	f	17	63	Toronto*	f	15	59
Jeddah	s	33	91	Tunis	s	27	81
Jo'burg*	s	25	77	Valencia	f	23	73
Karachi	s	31	88	Vanc'ver*	s	12	54
L Palmas	c	25	77	Venice	s	17	63
Le Tquet	c	14	57	Vienna	c	12	54
Lisbon	f	16	61	Warsaw	s	13	55
Locarno	s	15	59	Wash'ton*	s	21	70
L Angels*	c	19	66	Wel'nton	s	15	59
Luxembg	s	12	54	Zurich	c	10	50

* denotes Wednesday's figures are latest available

Solution to Puzzle No 17,492



AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F	
Scarboro	0.5	.30	13	55	rain
Bridlington	0.2	.27	13	55	cloudy
Cromer	5.1	-	17	63	cloudy
Lowestoft	•				
Clacton	-	-	14	57	cloudy
Southend	3.5	-	15	59	bright
Margate	•	-	16	61	bright
Folkestone	4.8	-	16	61	sunny
Hastings	0.7	-	15	59	bright
Eastbourne	•				
Brighton	3.9	-	15	59	sunny
Worthing	4.3	-	16	61	bright
Littlehmptn	4.8	-	16	61	sunny
Bognor R	5.5	-	17	63	bright
Southsea	3.4	.08	16	61	cloudy
Sandown	3.6	-	15	59	sunny
Shanklin	2.6	.07	16	61	bright
Bournemth	3.8	.22	16	61	bright
Poole	3.1	.26	16	61	bright
Swanage	2.6	.09	15	59	bright
Weymouth	4.9	.19	16	61	bright
Exmouth	0.8	.17	15	59	cloudy
Teignmouth	1.0	.24	15	59	cloudy
Torquay	1.1	.29	15	59	rain
Falmouth	-	.33	14	57	dull
Penzance	1.5	.29	15	59	dull
Scilly Isles	2.3	.46	15	59	rain
Jersey	0.2	-	16	61	cloudy
Guernsey	3.1	.06	16	61	bright
Newquay	•				
Ilfracombe	-	.18	16	61	shower
Minehead	0.1	.36	16	61	rain
B'pool Airpt	-	.47	15	59	rain
Morecambe	-	.82	15	59	rain
Douglas	-	.55	13	55	rain
B'ham Airpt	1.9	.26	16	61	rain
Bristol (Ctrl)	0.1	.11	16	61	cloudy
Carlisle	-	.43	15	59	rain
London	0.6	-	17	63	cloudy
Manchester	-	.09	16	61	rain
N'ctl-o-Tyne	-	.07	14	57	rain
Nottingham	0.8	.17	16	61	rain
Anglesey	0.1	.17	15	59	rain
Cardiff (Ctrl)	-	.01	14	57	cloudy
Colwyn Bay	-	.22	17	63	cloudy
Tenby	-	.39	14	57	rain
Aberdeen	0.1	.16	12	54	rain
Aviemore	0.4	.03	11	52	rain
Edinburgh	-	.15	13	55	rain
Eskdalemuir	-	.47	12	54	rain
Glasgow	-	.39	11	52	rain
Kinloss	0.4	-	12	54	cloudy
Lerwick	-	.21	11	52	rain
Prestwick	-	.34	12	54	rain
Stornoway	5.0	.11	12	54	bright
Tiree	3.7	.02	13	55	shower
Wick	1.5	-	12	54	bright
Belfast	2.6	-	13	55	bright

* Denotes figures not available
These are Monday's figures

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HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1.43	6.6	1.55	6.7
Aberdeen	12.58	4.0	1.31	4.0
Avonmouth	7.05	12.0	7.18	12.5
Belfast	11.02	3.1	11.07	3.4
Cardiff	6.50	11.1	7.03	11.5
Devonport	5.35	5.2	5.47	5.4
Dover	10.53	6.4	11.09	6.3
Falmouth	5.05	5.0	5.17	5.2
Glasgow	12.17	4.5	1.05	4.2
Harwich	11.47	3.8	—	—
Holyhead	10.19	5.2	10.28	5.5
Hull	6.09	7.0	6.37	7.0
Ilfracombe	5.55	8.6	6.06	8.8
Leith	2.22	5.1	2.48	5.2
Liverpool	11.14	8.9	11.27	9.1
Lowestoft	9.08	2.4	10.03	2.3
Margate	11.51	4.6	—	—
Milford Haven	6.11	6.5	6.25	6.8
Newquay	5.03	6.6	5.17	6.8
Oban	5.56	3.8	5.52	4.0
Penzance	4.36	5.3	4.47	5.5
Portland	7.03	2.1	7.01	2.2
Portsmouth	11.27	4.6	11.38	4.5
Shoreham	11.08	6.0	11.22	5.9
Southampton	11.03	4.4	11.12	4.3
Swansea	6.13	8.9	6.26	9.2
Tees	3.22	5.1	3.50	5.2
W'ton-on-Nze	11.41	4.1	—	—

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.
Times are BST

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.385	2.265
Austria Sch	21.80	20.70
Belgium Fr	64.85	61.65
Canada $	2.255	2.145
Denmark Kr	11.95	11.35
Finland Mkk	7.55	7.15
France Fr	10.33	9.83
Germany Dm	3.10	2.94
Greece Dr	239	224
Hong Kong $	13.35	12.65
Ireland Pt	1.16	1.10
Italy Lira	2240	2130
Japan Yen	248	236
Netherlands Gld	3.48	3.31
Norway Kr	11.43	10.83
Portugal Esc	244	232
South Africa Rd	4.15	3.45
Spain Pta	200.50	190.50
Sweden Kr	10.93	10.38
Switzerland Fr	2.57	2.44
USA $	1.725	1.645
Yugoslavia Dnr	1770	1520

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 102.4 (September)

London: The *FT* index closed down 190.0 at 1439.2.

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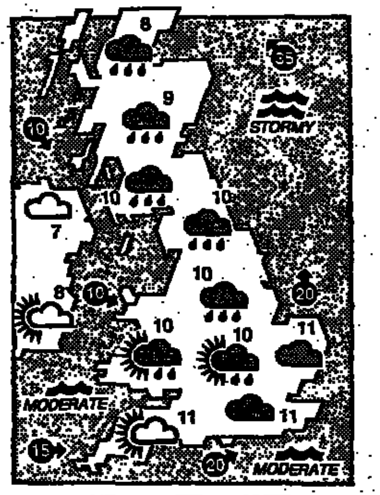

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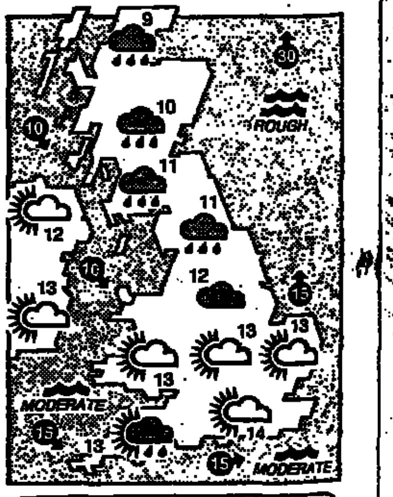


LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 6.26 pm to 7.06 am
Bristol 6.36 pm to 7.15 am
Edinburgh 6.29 pm to 7.27 am
Manchester 6.30 pm to 7.18 am
Penzance 6.50 pm to 7.26 am

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	f	13	55	Guernsey	f	15	59
B'rmgham	c	13	55	Inverness	c	10	50
Blackpool	c	13	55	Jersey	c	15	59
Bristol	c	16	61	London	r	15	59
Cardiff	c	14	57	M'nchster	c	13	55
Edinburgh	c	11	52	Newcastle	c	13	55
Glasgow	r	12	54	R'aldsway	s	14	57

Sun rises:	Sun sets:
7.34 am	5.56 pm
Moon rises	Moon sets
5.58 am	5.20 pm

New Moon tomorrow

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 15C (59F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 13C (55F). Humidity: 6 pm, 95 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.11 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1006.2 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

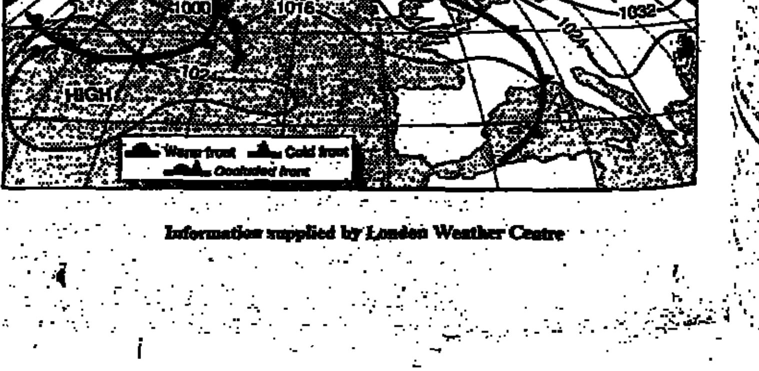
MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 14C (57F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 11C (52F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.02 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: Gatwick Airport, 18C (64F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 11C (52F); highest rainfall: Morecambe, Lancashire, 0.82in; highest sunshine: Bognor Regis, West Sussex, 5.5 hr.

NOON TODAY



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PART 2

THE TIMES

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 21 1987

BUSINESS AND FINANCE 25-30
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Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1439.2 (–190.0)

FT-SE 100
1801.6 (–250.7)

Bargains
78969 (56790)

USM (Datastream)
186.23 (–25.18)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6540 (–0.0270)

W German mark
2.9896 (+0.0025)

Trade-weighted
73.4 (–0.4)

Brierley lifts S&N holding

Mr Ron Brierley, the New Zealand industrialist, has acquired a 1.69 per cent share stake in Scottish & Newcastle Breweries, the Youngers and McEwans beer group which is bidding £194 million for Matthew Brown, the brewer.

IEP Securities, the Hong Kong arm of Mr Brierley's Brierley Investments Ltd group, moved among the debris of Monday's crashing stock markets to pick up a further 2.375 million S&N shares at prices ranging from 256p to 241p.

Stock Exchange rules require disclosure of all deals where more than 1 per cent of the shares of any company involved in a takeover situation are involved.

Beazer soars

CH Beazer (Holdings) more than doubled its turnover and pretax profits in the year to June with all divisions contributing to the advance.

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Profits down

Paterson Zochonis was unsettled by the weaker Nigerian economy in the year ended May 31 and, despite a healthy rise in investment income, shows pretax profits of £33.3 million compared with £42.3 million. The final dividend rises from 4.85p to 5.35p a share, making 7.1p (6.5p) for the year. **Tempus, page 26**

Loss reduced

Davies & Newman, the Dan-Air group, reported an interim pretax loss of £3.2 million compared with £3.5 million last year. Turnover was up 7 per cent to £142 million and the dividend was raised by a penny to 4p. **Tempus, page 26**

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	1725.30 (–13.44)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Average	21910.08 (–3836.4)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	Suspended
Amsterdam: Gen	n/a
Sydney: AO	1549.8 (–514.4)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1669.4 (–74.7)
Brussels:	
General	4282.6 (–20.8)
Paris: CAC	n/a
Zurich: SKA Gen	n/a
London:	
FT.–A All-Share	951.95 (–120.45)
FT.– "500"	1041.54 (–131.55)
FT. Gold Mines	427.6 (–16.6)
FT. Fixed interest	91.11 (+0.06)
FT. Govt Secs	85.21 (+1.48)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
MS International	88p (+3p)
Allebone & Sons	113p (+16p)
FALLS:	
ICI	1343p (–57p)
Lucas	610p (–90p)
Nat West	540p (–112p)
Hawker Sid.	450p (–73)
Caffyns	468p (–112p)
Jaguar	437p (–87p)
GUS 'A'	1273p (–65p)
Pearson Group	828p (–107p)
Reuters	545p (–79p)
Sun Alliance	840p (–103p)

Prices are as at 4pm

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 10%
3-month Interbank 10$^{9}/_{16}$-10⅛%
3-month eligible bills: 9⅞-9$^{27}/_{32}$% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 9¼%
Federal Funds 7$^{9}/_{16}$%*
3-month Treasury Bills 6.54-6.53%*
30-year bonds 86$^{11}/_{16}$-86¾*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6540	£: $1.6550*
£: DM2.9896	$: DM1.8080*
£: SwFr2.4810	$: SwFr1.5005*
£: FFr9.9860	$: FFr6.0360*
£: Yen238.01	$: Yen144.00*
£: Index:73.4	$: Index:100.8
ECU £0.692915	SDR £0.776884

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $481.60 pm-$484.30
close $465.00-467.00 (£281.00-282.50)
New York:
Comex $483.10-483.70*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Dec) pm$18.85 bbl ($19.17)

* Denotes latest trading price

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Dollar moves higher as Group of Seven reaffirms Louvre accord

Ministers soothe the markets

By Rodney Lord and Bailey Morris

Soothing words from the world's finance ministers and reduced pressure on interest rates combined to produce a spectacular reversal in currency and bond markets yesterday. By the close of dealing in London the dollar had returned to a level higher than before the weekend at DM1.8090 while gilt-edged stocks had recovered by nearly £3 in the wake of a soaring US bond market.

The reversal came in response to intense efforts by the finance ministers and central bankers of the Group of Seven countries to demonstrate that they remained committed to co-ordinating policies and to the Louvre accord on exchange rate stability.

At a hastily called press conference, the West German finance minister, Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, said that he and Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, had reached a positive evaluation of the Louvre accord at their meeting on Monday. Contacts with several other finance ministers in Europe showed that they shared this view of the benefits of stability.

Matching deeds to words, upward pressure on interest rates, which helped spark the collapse in share markets, abated in both West Germany and the US. Chemical Bank and Marine Midland Bank reversed their increase in prime rates last week, bringing them back from 9¾ per cent to 9¼ per cent.

In West Germany, the weekly repurchase agreement was done at a fixed rate of 3.80 per cent compared with last week's rate of 3.85 per cent. In a striking reversal of his message last week, Herr Karl Otto Poehl, the Bundesbank president, said inflationary fears were "unjustified" and that West Germany did not want an international rise in interest rates.

There were, however, reports in Washington that a lower band for the dollar had been agreed to at the Baker/Stoltenberg meeting. An official said a similar adjustment had been made in April on the dollar-yen rate.

Britain's Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, commented that the size of the correction on Wall Street was "absurd" and that any increase in US rates would not lead the US economy into recession.

The dollar began to recover early yesterday in Tokyo following news of Mr Baker's meeting with Herr Stoltenberg and it closed there 2.75 pfennigs higher than the New York close at DM1.8010. The London opening was down 1.05 pfennigs on renewed nervousness but following the support for the Louvre accord from West Germany it rose to DM1.82 before closing at DM1.8090.

Sterling fell 2.70 cents against the recovering dollar to $1.6540 but rose 34 points against the mark to DM2.9917. The effective exchange rate index finished 0.4 down at 73.4

US bond markets surged after the Chemical and Midland primes fell back into line. Despite poor bank lending figures gilts followed, rising by nearly £3. West German bonds rose by a similar proportion.

Earlier in the day, Congressional leaders urged President Reagan to agree to a bipartisan economic summit to seek emergency solutions to the US budget and trade deficits which had undermined confidence in the economy. The invitation was issued as the White House announced new deficit projections for the 1988 fiscal year and the President signed a temporary "sequester" order that could require across-the-board cuts in federal spending of $23 billion.

The invitation to attend a summit, to break a continued stalemate over ways to reduce the budget deficit, was issued by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, James Wright, and by Mr Robert Byrd, Senate majority leader. Both men said Congress and the White House had to work together to send the right signal to financial markets.

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Bonds rise amid optimism on rates

By Our Economics Correspondent

Government bonds turned dramatically better yesterday, on the hope that interest rates worldwide will not now have to rise.

In London, gilt-edged moved sharply higher, in spite of poor money supply figures, responding to overnight gains on the US bond market. They ended with gains of 2 points or more, reversing Monday's declines.

US government bond yields, which had opened at 10.4 per cent on Monday morning, fell sharply to 9.1 per cent, as bond prices surged by six points.

Analysts now believe that the last thing the US Federal Reserve will contemplate in current conditions is an increase in the discount rate. Two US banks, Chemical Bank and Marine Midland, cancelled half-point prime rate increases and brought their rates back down to 9.25 per cent, in line with other banks.

Bond markets believe the Fed will not have to tighten policy, as the crash on Wall Street is doing the job for it.

Morgan Grenfell in London suggests the crash will knock consumer spending in the US by 4 per cent, at an annualized rate, in the present quarter.

Prices suspended by unit trusts

by Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Thousands of investors in unit trusts have been unable to redeem their units as share prices plunged this week because several fund management companies suspended business on their accounts.

Two of the best-known companies to have suspended prices were GT Unit Managers and Henderson Administration.

Mr Mark St Giles, managing director of GT Unit Managers, said that if markets moved as fast as they had since Monday it was impossible to give the funds a fair valuation. "It would therefore not be fair on our unit holders to quote prices which were not based firmly on a fund's value," he said.

Henderson Administration said that it had suspended prices on its 31 trusts several times. "We can only revalue the funds once a day so when the market moves so fast we have to stop quoting a price," said Mr Chris Burrows, head of marketing.

Suspending the price of units so investors cannot sell their holdings is allowed if it has the consent of the fund's trustees and is in the interests of the unit holders. Nevertheless, many fund managers disapproved

Strong rise in bank lending

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

Bank lending increased sharply last month, confirming the strong growth in credit. The growth of narrow money, M0, also accelerated last month.

Sterling bank lending grew by £4.4 billion, on a seasonally adjusted basis, after a £2 billion increase in August.

The strong September rise, which was only just below the record £4.9 billion increase in July, reflected buoyant credit demand from all categories of borrower.

The Bank of England cited strong growth in credit in its decision to force a one-point rise in base rates on August 6. The base rate rise appears to have had little impact on credit growth.

Bank of England officials said that there were no special factors in the September lending rise. Foreign currency loans to companies, the repayment of which mitigated the July increase in sterling lending, were not thought to be a significant factor last month.

However, Bank officials pointed out that the overall growth in broad money, M3, of 0.8 per cent, was below the rate of increase in lending, largely thanks to low public-sector borrowing. The 12-month rate of growth of M3 fell to 19.5 per cent, from 22.1 per cent in August.

As well as the low PSBR last month, M3 growth was held back by net, foreign purchases of gilts of about £600 million. Although the financial markets were preoccupied with international developments yesterday, the money supply figures were regarded as poor.

"They were disappointing," said Mr John Shepperd, an economist at Warburg Securities. "The lending figures remain very, very buoyant."

Mr Peter Warburton, an economist at Shearson-Lehman, said: "The bank lending figures add a specific element of uncertainty to the general uncertainty."

The only measure of money supply targeted by the Government is M0, which has a 2 to 6 per cent target range. M0 rose by 0.8 per cent on a seasonally adjusted basis last month, for an increase of 5.2 per cent on a year ago.

Bank officials said that the timing of the August Bank Holiday may have affected the 12-month rate of growth of M0. City analysts expect M0 to creep up nearer to the top of its target range over the next two months.

BP sale underwriters still facing £800m losses

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

The Government's sale of its 31.5 per cent holding in BP is to go ahead on schedule, despite the world financial community facing a loss of more than £800 million if the issue fails to attract the number of buyers initially expected.

The gradual climb back upwards in the BP share price – yesterday it dropped to 265p but closed in London at 289p – is limiting the potential losses faced on the issue by the financial institutions that have underwritten the offer.

The Government hopes that the market will recover by next Wednesday, the closing day for share applications, and that the new breed of small investor it has created through its privatization programme will have regained confidence in BP and in the stock market and apply for shares.

The companies that have underwritten the offer – 60 per cent of them UK institutions, the rest overseas finance houses – face potential losses of more than £830 million, but there has been no pressure for the sale to be postponed. Several overseas institutions have indicated that they will gladly accept an initial loss to add large numbers of BP shares to their portfolios at a price they see as a bargain.

The fact that the BP share price, and several other oil company share prices, fell less than the market average has also encouraged some institutional buyers to be less pessimistic about the share sale.

The early losses facing the underwriters could be as low as £125 million thanks to the payment for more than half of the shares involved, the 50 per cent tranche earmarked for the British small investor, being due in three stages.

The issue was underwritten at 327p – the institutions taking 3p a share as their underwriting fee – so the Government is assured of its income from the sale. BP in turn is assured of £1.5 billion from the rights issue which is being conducted parrallel to the Government share sale.

Most City oil analysts are advising clients who have been considering the offer to wait until early next week before making a final decision.

The 6 million people who have registered an interest in buying BP shares received their priority applications forms earlier this week and must return them to the regional share sale offices by first post next Wednesday. Allowing two days to get the forms to the offices – the reply-paid envelopes are marked for first class post – investors making postal applications will have to decide on Monday.

Many financial advisers are suggesting, however, that applicants should wait until the stock market closes on Monday, or possibly until it opens on Tuesday, before making a final decision.

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Lonrho 'assurances'

Lonrho has given "assurances concerning its accounts for further years" to the Department of Trade and Industry following an examination by the DTI of allegations from House of Fraser that the accounts breached the Companies Act 1985.

Mr Paul Spicer, a Lonrho director, yesterday declined to elaborate on the nature of the assurances provided. He did, however, say: "There are no assurances of any consequence, we are not talking about anything."

The DTI examination of Lonrho's accounts follows criticism of Lonrho's 1985/86 accounts by House of Fraser. In July it published a report from Arthur Young, the accountants, which argued that Lonrho had systematically overstated its profits over a number of years.

Last week Mr Francis Maude, the Minister for Consumer and Corporate Affairs, wrote to House of Fraser, explaining DTI action following House of Fraser's complaints.

He said that Lonrho "has given the Department a detailed explanation of its accounting policies adopted in its 1985/6 accounts and given additional information."

"The company has also given the Department assurances concerning its accounts for future years. In the light of these assurances I have concluded that no further action by the Department is called for in relation to the company's accounts," Mr Maude added.

Hill Samuel exodus

At least 40 members of Hill Samuel's 60-strong corporate finance team are moving to Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the securities and merchant banking arm of Barclays Bank. Many of the most senior team executives are on the move.

The defection will come as a blow to the Trustee Savings Bank Group which bought Hill Samuel for £777 million two weeks ago and will now be left with only the rump of the merchant bank's successful corporate finance division.

The move is the last stage in a saga which began more than a month ago when BZW first tried to recruit Hill Samuel's corporate finance experts *en masse*.

BZW attempted to tie up a deal with them late in August after the collapse of Union Bank of Switzerland's bid for Hill Samuel. The failure of the deal caused a severe loss of morale in the corporate finance division which had hoped for the extra strength which a link with the Swiss bank would have given it.

Mr Trevor Swete and Mr Christopher Roshier, the head and deputy head of the department, were sacked in August by the Hill Samuel board which accused them of negotiating the deal without the board's knowlege or consent. It is understood that at that stage, terms of employment for most of the department had already been arranged.

Mr Swete and Mr Roshier yesterday announced that they were going to Drexel Burnham Lambert, the US securities house.

Quoted GRA takes control of historic stadium

Buying a share in Wembley

By Cliff Feltham

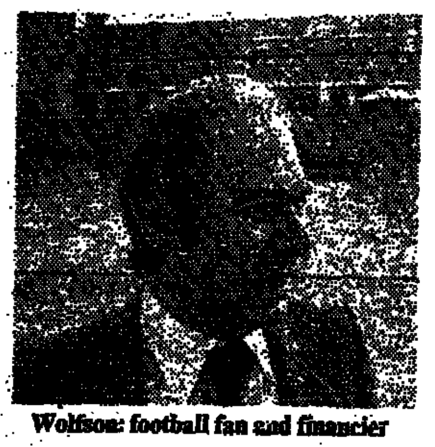
Souvenir hunters need no longer risk arrest for trying to prise up a piece of the hallowed Wembley turf. They will soon have their first chance to own shares in Wembley Stadium, scene of England's historic World Cup victory in 1966 and a landmark in British sport.

This follows the long-awaited merger announced yesterday between the private company owning Wembley Stadium and the property and greyhound racing group GRA.

Under the terms of the deal, Wembley Stadium is being reversed into GRA, giving it a controlling interest in the enlarged group, which now becomes an important force in the leisure industry.

A total of £68.5 million is being paid for Wembley Stadium, based on the 150p price at which the GRA shares were suspended ahead of the announcement. A £13.2 million portion of the price is being paid in non-voting deferred convertible shares.

Wembley Stadium was originally owned by the conglomerate British Electric Traction before passing into the control of a consortium led by Mr Brian Wolfson, the football fan and financier, and Mr Tony Clegg's Mountleigh property group.


Wolfson: football fan and financier

They have worked tirelessly to restore the stadium to its former glory and find more users for the complex. Now it is used not only as England's national football stadium, but also for pop concerts, American football and greyhound racing.

The complex also comprises an arena, squash, music and conference centre, and exhibition hall. During the last 18 months the results have come through strongly, with combined operating and rental income rising from £11.1 million to £15 million.

From fewer than 3 million visitors using the facilities in 1986, more than 5 million are expected in the current year. Extra profits have also been generated by providing more in-house services, and Wembley has introduced improved facilities for corporate and family entertaining, including the provision of executive boxes.

The get-together with GRA – which owns six dog tracks including Catford and Wimbledon – will produce a combined company with a net worth of about £100 million and a strong balance sheet.

"We should be major players in the leisure industry," said Mr Wolfson, who is to take over as chairman of the new group from Mr Isidore Kerman, who is to stay on the board as a director.

GRA yesterday reported a profit before tax of £853,000 for the first half of the year. This compares with £548,000 the same time last year.

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WALL STREET

Dow rallies by 39 points

New York (Agencies) – The Dow Jones industrial average was 39 points higher at 1,777.41 in early trading yesterday after dropping by a record 508.32 points on Monday. But it had been 200 points higher in initial trading yesterday.

Traders explained that it rose on a prime rate cut by a few banks and the pledge by Mr Alan Greenspan, the Federal Reserve chairman, to provide liquidity for the economy.

Trading was at record levels. IBM, a blue chip bellwether stock, was up by 12¾ at 116 and Merck was 4⅝ higher at 164⅝.

● New York (Reuter) – Bankers Trust's earnings per share for the third quarter of 1987 rose to $2.03, against $1.53. Net income was up from $110.3 million to $146.4 million. However, the bank made a loss of $3.99 a share for the first nine months compared with a profit of $4.62. The net loss was $283.3 million against a profit of $330.5 million. Assets reached $56.9 billion ($50.7 billion), while deposits were $30.4 billion ($25.9 billion) and loans $26.3 billion ($25.7 billion). The nine months' loss reflects a $700 million increase in loan-loss provisions.

● Atlanta (Reuter) – Coca Cola Enterprises' net profit more than doubled to $31.9 million ($15.7 million) in the third quarter of this year. However, because the average number of shares outstanding has risen to 140.1 million (68.6 million) earnings per share are unchanged at 23 cents. Revenues were also more than doubled at $876.9 million ($401.2 million). Earnings per share for the first nine months are up from 42 to 53 cents. Net profit jumped to $74 million ($28.9 million).

	Oct 19	Oct 16		Oct 19	Oct 16		Oct 19	Oct 16
AMR Cp	39	48¾	Firestone	27¾	32¾	Pepsico	27½	33¾
ASA	64¾	65	Fst Chicago	20	26¾	Pfizer	48¾	59¾
Aetna Life	50	59	Fst Int Bncp	42¾	47¾	Phelps Dod	35	49¾
Allied Signal	28	39¼	Fst Penn C	9	9¾	Philip Mor	87½	102¾
Allis Chlm	2	2	FT Wachva	33¼	38¾	Philip Ptrl	11¾	14¼
Alcoa	42¾	56	Ford Motor	69	84	Polaroid	19¾	27½
Amax Inc	17½	22¾	GAF Cp	35	53	Primerica	34¾	44¾
AMR Hess	23¼	30¾	GTE Cp	30	39¾	Proct Gble	61	85
Am Brands	43¾	49½	Gen Cp	82½	95½	Pub S E G	20¾	24¾
Am Cynmd	32¼	41½	Gn Dynam	54	63	Raytheon	66	74
Am Ele Pwr	24¾	27¾	Gen Electric	41¾	50¾	Rynlds Metl	39	51
Amexs	21½	31½	Gen Inst	29¾	35¾	Rockwell Int	14¾	20¾
Am Home	65½	78¼	Gen Mills	44¾	47½	Royal Dutch	95	122
Am Int Grp	64¾	78¾	Gen Motors	50	66	SFE Sopac	41¾	51¼
Am Stand	35¾	42½	Gen Pub Ut	24¾	26½	Sara Lee	27	39
Am Telph	24	30¾	Genesco	4¾	5	Schlumb	30¼	36
Amoco Cp	60	76¾	Georgia Pac	28	38¾	Scott Pap	61	76¼
Armco Steel	9½	12¼	Gillette	24	33	Seagram	56¾	65¾
Asarco Inc	22½	29¾	Goodrich	37½	50	Sears Roeb	30¾	41
Ashland Oil	57¾	62¾	Goodyear	42	59½	Shell Trans	72	85½
Atl Richfld	66	88¾	Gould Inc	15¾	19¾	Singer	34¼	44¾
Avon Prod	19¼	30¾	Grace Co	43¾	59¼	Smith Beck	40	54¾
Bk Boston	20¼	26¾	Grt Atl Pac	29¼	39¾	Sony Cp	28¼	35¾
Bank NY	31½	37¾	Greyhnd	24¾	33¾	Sth Cal Edi	28	33¾
Bankamer	7¾	11½	Gruman	20¼	25¾	SW Bell	30	38¾
Bkrs Tst NY	30¾	42¼	Gulf & West	63¾	78¼	Squibb	70¾	81¾
Baxter	18¾	23¾	Heinz	35¾	38	Sterl Drug	35¾	55¼
Beth Steel	11	16¾	Hercules	46	55¼	Stevens JP	28¼	41¼
Boeing	38¾	43¾	Hewlett Pk	47¾	59¾	Sun Comp	36	48¾
Boise Casc	59½	72½	Honeywell	58¼	72½	TRW Inc	42½	53¼
Borden	32½	49¾	IC Ind	27	32¾	Teledyne	292¼	342¼
Bristl Meyr	32	42¼	ITT Cp	46½	58¾	Tenneco	43½	54¾
BP	60½	68	INCO	17¾	21½	Texaco	30¾	36¾
Brunswick	14¾	24½	Ing Rand Wl	26¾	38¾	Tex Eastn	28½	34¼
Burl Ind	n.a	n.a	Inland Steel	24	26¾	Texas Inst	48	67¼
Burl Nth	52	69¾	IBM	103¼	134¼	Tex Util	26¼	30¾
CBS	152¾	194¾	Int Paper	34¼	45¾	Textron	19¾	29¾
Cms Engy	11	15½	Irving Bk	48½	65¾	Travelers	36½	45¾
CPC Int	32¾	42½	Jhsn & Jhsn	64½	79	USG	31½	43¾
CSX Cp	26½	34¾	K Mart	25	34	USX Cp	21	34
Cmpbell Sp	54¾	61½	Kaisertech	17	19	Unilever Plc	29¾	38¾
Can Pacific	16¾	20½	Kerr McGee	36	40	Un Carbide	22½	27¾
Caterpillar	50¾	64¾	Kimbrly Clrk	40¼	53¾	Un Pac Cp	50¾	64¼
Centrl SW	27¾	31¼	Kraft	45	51¼	Unisys Cp	30¾	38
Champion	29¾	37½	Kroger	24	30¾	Utd Brands	33¼	37¾
Chase Man	28	36¾	LTV Cp	2¾	3¾	Utd Tech	39	48¾
Chem NY	25¾	35¾	Litton	64	88½	Unocal	28¼	35¼
Chevron	41¼	49¾	Lockheed	35	47¾	Walter Jim	58¾	59½
Chrysler	27¾	33	Lucky Str	22¼	27½	Warn Lamb	58½	75¾
Citicorp	37	53¾	Man H'nver	27	36¾	Wells Far	41½	50¾
Clark Eq	21	29¾	Manville	2¾	3¼	Westg El	40	60¾
Coca Cola	30	39¾	Mapco	49¾	54	Weyerhsr	34	46¼
Colgate	35½	44	Marine Mid	78	82¾	Whirlpool	25	31¾
Columb Gas	37	45¼	Mt Marrieta	37½	47	Woolworth	36¼	42¾
Cmb'tn Eng	36¾	41½	Masco	23	27¾	Xerox Cp	56	70¾
Cmwlth Edi	26¾	29¾	Mcdonalds	35¾	43¾	Zenith	16¾	23¾
Cons Edis	37½	44½	McDonnell	56¾	67½			
Consol Ng	29½	36¾	Mead Cp	29¼	38¾			
Cont Data	25¼	34¾	Merck	151	184			
Corning Gl	42	60¾	Minsta Mng	51	70¾	**CANADIAN PRICES**		
Crane	24½	27¾	Mobil	32	42¾			
Curtiss Wrt	53¾	58½	Monsanto	68	86½	Agnco Eag	33½	33¼
Data Genl	25	30	Morgan Jp	27¾	42	Alcan Alum	40¾	44
Deere Co	33	39	Motorola	52¾	64	Algoma Stl	17½	21¼
Delta Airl	41	49¾	NCR	60¾	70½	Can Pacific	22	26¾
Detroit Edi	12¾	14¼	NL Indstrs	6¾	7¼	Cominco	17¼	18¾
Digital Eq	130	172¼	Nat Distill	60¾	75¾	Con Bathrst	17¾	20¾
Disney	46	65½	Nat Md Ent	20¼	23	Hawk S Can	23	24¼
Dow Chem	71	88	Nat Semi	12¼	17¾	Hud Bay M	22¼	22¾
Dressr Ind	23¾	27¾	Norfolk Sth	24	28¾	Imasco	28	29¾
Dupont	80	98½	NW Bancrp	38¾	44¼	Imperial Oil	66	70¾
Duke Pwr	40¾	48½	Occid Petl	23¾	30¾	Int Pipe	45½	46¾
East Kodak	63¾	89½	Ogden Cp	23¼	32¾	Royl Trstco	13¼	14¾
Eaton Cp	62	83½	Olin Cp	43¾	49	Seagram	76	85
Emerson El	28¾	33¾	PPG Ind	32	40	Shelco 'A'	23	24
Emery Air	6¾	8½	Pac Gas El	15¾	18¾	Thmsn N 'A'	24¾	26¾
Exxon	35	43½	Pan Am	3¾	4¼	Varity Cp	3½	3¾
Farah Inc	12	13	Penney JC	39¼	48¾	WCT	15¼	16½
Fedders	6	8	Pennzoil	51	64¾	Weston	32½	36

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STOCK MARKET

Another £43bn is cut from shares after rally fails

By Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

Investors bore the brunt of another sharp fall in share prices on world markets yesterday in the wake of the 508-point plunge overnight on Wall Street.

A further £43.7 billion, or 5 per cent, was wiped from the value of quoted shares on the London stock market, bringing the total loss this week to £94.3 billion. Hopes of a much-needed rally were raised after a steadier start to renewed trading in New York which also prompted some bear closing in London and enabled the FT-SE 100 index to reduce a 300-point fall to just 67 points at one stage.

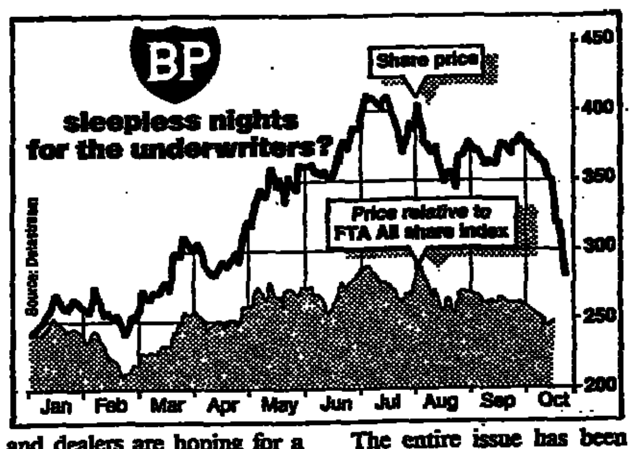
But conditions remained volatile and the market lacked the fire power after the events of the past few days to follow it through. As a result, prices again lost ground with the FTSE index finishing 250.7 points lower at 1,801.6 – making a two-day loss of 500.3. The narrower FT index of 30 shares also tried to go better after hours, having been 239.5 lower. But it also suffered a relapse, finishing 190.0 points down at 1,439.2. The index has fallen by 373.7 points since Monday and is now down by 25.25 per cent from its all-time high on July 16.

Once again, the market-makers were taking no chances, marking prices sharply lower as they strove to keep their heads above water. Most of yesterday's turnover of 1.18 billion shares was conducted between the market-makers themselves. Agency brokers again complained about the difficulties of operating within the computerized trading system which again showed signs of overheating.

Dealers said that any hope of a rally in London today depends on Wall Street's performance overnight. Conditions on Wall Street remained volatile with the Dow losing an early lead of 182 points and replacing it with a fall of 26 points, before going better again at about lunchtime. The bond market remained steady, leading to suggestions that the worst of the shake-out is over.

But trading on the Chicago futures market had to be suspended in order to give the computer time to catch on the backlog of trades which was running more than an hour behind and threatening to seize-up the system.

Unit trust managers again took an active role in London and dealers are hoping for a clearer picture today of how much stock they have had to sell to satisfy redemptions.



Dealers had more than enough on their plates than the worry about the latest set of gloomy money supply figures. Government securities were the only bright spot with rises of up to £3 at the longer end, helped by the firmer outlook for interest rates in the US.

Leading shares were all sharply lower, especially those with big dollar earnings. Glaxo was down 155p at £10.73, ICI, 140p at £12.58 and Jaguar, 99p at 405p.

Interim figures from Lep Group tomorrow are unlikely to raise heart beats with the market looking for pretax profits of between £4.7 million and £6.5 million against £3.1 million last time. But prospects look good. The group has already pre-let its St Paul's Vista property to the Swiss Bank Corporation at £32.50 a sq ft. This is due for review when SBC moves in next year and could be worth nearer £50 per sq ft at least, boosting the net asset value to 160p a share. The share price, which started the week at 250p, fell a further 13p to 219p yesterday. Profits for the full year are likely to be £13 million-plus.

The privatization stocks also suffered heavy falls. British Telecom lost 23p at 217p, Cable and Wireless, 55p to 380p, Rolls-Royce, 31p to 152p, British Aerospace, 30p to 445p, British Airways, 25p to 160p and British Gas, 10p to 138p.

The next few days will be a worrying time for the underwriters and sub-underwriters of the £7.5 billion BP share issue which has turned out to be one of the biggest casualties of this week's market collapse. On Monday, NM Rothschild, the financial adviser to the issue, met Treasury officials to discuss whether to cancel the launch. They decided to press ahead with it.

BP tumbled another 27p to 289p yesterday on turnover of almost 40 million shares. That compares with the 330p which the new shares have been priced at. The BP share price has fallen 61p so far this week and this must raise doubts about attracting support from small investors.

The entire issue has been aimed at the small investor and if he decides to give it a wide berth, the underwriters would be left with millions of unwanted shares. Few brokers or private investors will shed many tears for the underwriters who have earned vast sums underwriting the Government's massive privatization programme over the past few years. But if a large number of shares is left overhanging the market it will have a depressing effect on the BP share price for months to come.

There were widespread falls among the rest of the oils – Shell, 82p to £11.73, Britoil, 30p to 249p, Burmah, 60p to 430p, Enterprise, 17p to 258p, Lasmo, 14p to 314p and Tricentrol, 10p to 110p. Ultramar was another weak market, losing 43p to 227p as New Zealand entrepreneur Mr Ron Brierley's IEP Securities sold 200,000 shares. This reduced his holding to 35.83 million shares (12.94 per cent).

Shaftesbury, the property group, was an early casualty in first-time dealings. Placed at 180p, the shares opened with a 5p discount at 175p, improved to 180p before reacting to close at 173p — an opening discount of 7p.

Greene, King, the East Anglian brewer of Abbot Ale, dropped 15p to 450p despite the disclosure that Elders IXL, the Australian brewing, financial services and pastoral group, has a stake of just under 5 per cent.

News of Elders' stake, greeted with dismay in the Greene, King boardroom, led to speculation in the market that the stake build-up was the prelude to a full bid.

Support for the regional breweries was recently rekindled by Midsummer Leisure's unsuccessful bid for Boddingtons with buyers now trying to choose the next likely takeover candidate.

Boddingtons rallied from an early depressed level of 153p to finish 3p better at 166p on talk that Midsummer is about to return with a hostile offer.

Scottish & Newcastle Breweries dropped 16p to 226p on the news Mr Ron Brierley has bought several large lines of stock at prices between 241p and 256p and now holds 18.5 million shares, or 1.69 per cent.

Stores were again worried by the prospect of dearer money which could spoil the traditional Christmas spending spree. Leading retailers all closed with double-figure losses. Boots finished 19p down at 258p, Dixons, 30p lower at 328p and Marks & Spencer, 10p down at 222p. Great Universal Stores was vulnerable to nervous selling and dropped by 135p to £12.03.

Storehouse, the Habitat Mothercare, British Home Stores and Richard shops group headed by Sir Terence Conran, currently the target of an audacious all-paper bid from Benlox, moved erratically between extremes of 290p and 320p before closing 54p down at 298p.

This level is a far cry from the high of 416p reached only a couple of weeks ago when Sir Terence Conran rejected a bid of 445p a share from Mr Tony Clegg's Mountleigh property group.

Food shares also lost ground. Ranks Hovis McDougall fell by 14p to 320p, despite the news that Goodman Fielder, the Australian group, had topped up its stake in RHM to 29.9 per cent by acquiring a further 31 million shares.

Composite insurances suffered another mauling as they continued to reflect fears that the cost of last Friday's storm damage could be more than £500 million.

Shares of Sun Alliance, which has the largest exposure to the British household market, plummeted by a further 75p to 868p and have now fallen by 332p in three trading sessions.

General Accident fell by 85p to 863p, Guardian Royal Exchange declined 65p to 865p and Royal Insurance dropped 63p to 430p.

Merchant banks contributed to the malaise. Morgan Grenfell fell by 78p to 388p in the wake of Willis Faber, the LLoyd's insurance broker, putting its 20.8 per cent stake in MG up for sale. Other casualties included Kleinwort, Benson, 73p down at 410p, SG Warburg, 70p lower at 418p and Hambros, 53p easier at 318p.

Hill Samuel, in receipt of an agreed offer from the TSB, closed 28p lower at 768p. TSB ended 9p down at 125p.

Pearson, the *Financial Times* to Lazards merchant bank conglomerate, in which Mr Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation has a near 15 per cent stake, fell by 145p to 790p as 2 million shares changed hands. The shares were changing hands at £10 only last week.

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey	1,740	Coats	2,018	Land Sec	2,782	Royal Bank	1,121
Alld-Lyons	7,424	CU	7,003	Laporte	165	Royal Ins	2,058
Amstrad	8,121	Cons Gold	1,092	L&G	2,331	Saatchi	2,577
ASDA	11,282	Cookson	1,440	Lloyds	2,703	Sainsbury	4,390
AB Foods	1,287	Courtaulds	3,637	Lonrho	5,048	Scot & N	3,856
Argyll	6,360	Dalgety	1,190	Lucas	927	Sears	11,049
BAA	11,467	Dee	13,021	Magnet	650	Sedgwick	2,762
BET	2,431	Dixons	5,890	M&S	17,352	Shell	8,534
BTR	10,670	ECC	550	MEPC	3,060	Smith & N	5,048
BAT	13,635	Enterprise	655	Metal Box	1,633	STC	8,557
Barclays	4,612	Ferranti	6,261	Midland	3,261	Stan Chart	460
Bass	414	Fisons	4,343	NatWest	10,809	Storehse	12,275
Beecham	11,531	Gen Acc	669	Next	7,729	Sun Allnce	1,838
Beazer	720	GEC	26,629	Nth Food	942	T & N	624
BICC	2,028	Glaxo	8,665	P&O	1,806	Tarmac	6,285
Blue Circle	1,673	Globe	938	Pearl	704	Tate & Lyle	541
BOC	2,995	Granada	1,482	Pearson	2,003	TSB	14,699
Boots	10,662	Grand Met	11,709	Pilkington	9,304	Tesco	8,068
BPB	2,306	GUS 'A'	950	Plessey	8,745	Thorn EMI	6,519
Br Aero	2,916	GRE	357	Prudential	1,350	Trafalgar	2,047
Br Airways	11,703	GKN	3,274	Racal	20,186	THF	9,496
Br Comm	1,526	Guinness	6,760	Rk Hovis	63,645	Ultramar	4,263
Br Gas	57,632	Hamm 'A'	807	Rank	1,097	Unigate	1,961
Br Petrol	40,051	Hanson	37,389	R&C	499	Unilever	5,150
BPCC	3,600	Hawker	1,830	Redland	1,982	United Bis	1,738
Br Telecm	32,554	Hawley	2,510	Reed	3,696	Utd News	1,193
Britoil	7,581	Hillsdown	6,140	Reuters	2,924	Wellcome	3,326
Bunzl	3,926	IMI	666	RMC Gp	315	Whitbrd	2,979
Burmah	251	ICI	8,413	RTZ	2,283	Willis Fab	928
Burton	14,380	Jaguar	4,711	R-Royce	21,084	Woolworth	6,789
C&W	17,640	Lasmo	1,688	Rothmn 'B'	1,998		
Cadbury	6,073	Ladbroke	2,004	Rowntree	902	Equities page 29	

£9m Swedish takeover

Cambridge Instrument has agreed to acquire the sectioning instruments business of LKB, a subsidiary of Pharmacia of Sweden, for 95 million kronor (about £9 million) in cash, payable by 60 million kronor on completion with the balance in three equal annual instalments, starting in 1989.

This acquisition will complement the scientific instruments business of Cambridge Instruments. The business being acquired is estimated to have net assets of 12 million kronor. In 1986, it had a turnover of about 80 million kronor and made profits, before tax and interest, of about 9 million kronor. During the next 18 months, the manufacturing operations of the business will be transferred to Cambridge's facilities in Europe. During this period, LKB will continue manufacturing the products in Sweden as a sub-contractor for Cambridge.

Scanro Holdings

No interim dividend (1.5p) is being paid by Scanro Holdings for the six months to June 30. Turnover increased to £3.84 million (£2.18 million), but pretax profit fell to £89,000 (£275,000). There are extraordinary debits of £583,000 (£43,000). Earnings per share were 2.0p (4.31p). The board reports that trading was below expectations. The second half is not expected to show a marked improvement, but the board does not anticipate having to make any further extraordinary provisions.

Kingsgrange deal

Kingsgrange has exchanged contracts for the purchase of about 54 per cent of the capital of Park Rose. Ultimately, Kingsgrange plans to acquire the entire capital for a maximum consideration of £1.26 million.

Sharp and Law

An interim dividend of 1p is being paid for the first half of 1987 by Sharp and Law. Turnover expanded to £6.71 million (£5.09 million), while pretax profit rose to £229,000 (£170,000). Earnings per share were 1.98p (1.50p).

Dividend up

Lowland Investment is paying a final dividend of 3.1p (2.4p), making 4.5p (3.6p), for the year to September 30. Income from investments (dividends) rose to £1.69 million (£1.33 million), while pretax revenue reached £1.58 million (£1.2 million). Earnings per share were 4.83p (3.85p).

GR (Holdings)

GR (Holdings) is paying a final dividend of 8p (5.4p), making 9.6p (7p), for the year to June 30. Although turnover slipped to £21.64 million (£23.26 million), pretax profit climbed to £2.18 million (£1.23 million). Earnings per share were 47.9p (19.9p).

Julia rights

Julia Mines, which officially opened its Goongarrie, Western Australia, mining operation last week, is to raise Aus$12.7 million (£5.5 million) through a renounceable one-for-10 rights issue at Aus$3 a share.

Blackett Hutton

Blackett Hutton Holdings' pretax profit for the first half of this year reached £75,000 (against a loss of £8,000) on a turnover of £2.09 million (£1.86 million). Earnings per share were 2.1p (loss 2.8p). A short-term improvement in orders of the operating subsidiary has not been sustained because of difficult market conditions, the board reports. Pretax profit is expected to be much lower in the second half of 1987.

MS International

MS International is acquiring the precision engineering business of Abraham Engineering for an initial consideration of £1.26 million. The deferred consideration, dependent on results, will not lift the total beyond £2.2 million.

No Lanca interim

No interim dividend is being paid by Lanca for the first half of this year. On turnover of £3.05 million (£2.57 million), pretax profit reached £293,000 (£193,000). Earnings per share were 1.91p (1.16p). The board explains that earnings are normally appreciably higher in the second half. Overall, the results for the year are expected to be "most satisfactory."

Bank payment

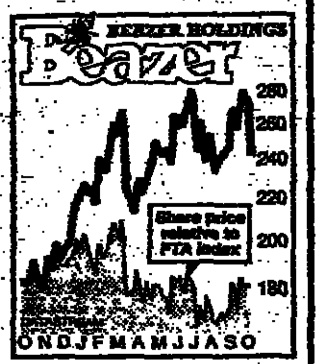
Banco de Santander is to pay an interim dividend of 45 pesetas. The net amount will be 36 pesetas.

Lendu Holdings

Lendu Holdings is paying an interim dividend, in lieu of final, of 1.5p for the first half of this year. Turnover rose to £55,229 (£39,239), while pretax profit fell to £19,538 (£36,531).

TEMPUS

Beazer growth is organic, too



Less than a year ago, C H Beazer was almost a household name, such was the frequency with which it was announcing bids and deals and issuing paper to fund them.

But of late it has been uncharacteristically docile, happy to consolidate its substantial building materials and construction base.

Yet its acquisition days are not over, as the desire to buy aggregates reserves in Britain and to develop the specialist construction side has not been satisfied. With 30 per cent gearing, Beazer has the scope to make acquisitions without flooding an already saturated market with more of its shares.

Beazer is sensitive to accusations that it is no more than an acquisition machine, having spent £500 million on 17 companies in eight years. So reporting organic growth last year of more than 21 per cent, before recent acquisitions, does much to set the record straight. And this rate of underlying growth is being exceeded in the first quarter of the current year.

The US market is patchy. Texas is showing signs of bottoming out, but will take time to work its way through to Gifford Hill's order book. California and the Carolinas are firmer.

The indicators in the domestic market are better, with housing and contracting margins holding up well.

The "other income" item of £3.3 million is more dividend income than profits from share trading, but its inclusion above the line seems unneccesary icing on an otherwise appetising cake.

For the current year, economic upheavals apart, Beazer should make £105 million pretax. The shares provide interesting exposure to the sector.

Davies & Newman

For most companies in the travel trade, the heavy seasonal bias tends to make the interim financial statement something of an irrelevance. If anything, Davies & Newman, which owns Dan-Air, has done slightly better in the first half of 1987 than it did last year, reducing a pretax loss from £3.5 million to £3.2 million.

In the general turmoil in world markets, the shares held up well yesterday, losing just 35p to 570p.

The outlook at Dan-Air is encouraging.

The shipbroking side of the business has been having a tough time of it.

However, Gatwick Handling, its associated company, which now deals with passenger traffic passing through Stansted as well as Gatwick and Manchester is performing well.

It was about this time last year when the chairman, Mr Frederick Newman, last said that barring unsatisfactory circumstances the results should be satisfactory. In the event, the results were very satisfactory.

This year, he has uttered the same words. Let us hope they will be to similar effect.

Paterson scares

Paterson Zochonis' Nigerian connection once again has cost it dear. With one third of the business dependent on a far from happy economy with a currency that in the year ended May fell from the equivalent of 61p to just 14p, the scares are evident on the 1987 profit and loss account.

Fair warning was given of potential setbacks at the interim stage, so the final outcome showing pretax profits down from £42.3 million to £33.3 million is no real surprise. However, a further profits slide this year is forecast, so until the Nigerian economy improves and/or Paterson develops its non-African interests, the group will be hard pressed to resume its upward profits trend.

But for the healthy cash balances of a net £84.7 million, which translates into a net cash a share asset backing of 216p, results would have been even lower.

Thanks to the cash pile, gross investment income rose from £12.3 million to £14.9 million, and despite stock market shakeouts the equity element of the portfolio is still above book cost.

The brighter parts include Cussons, both at home and abroad, and the Greek interests. But the investors' hope is that with some stock market bargains now uncovered, PZ will use its financial muscle to broaden itself.

With this year's profits set for the region of £25.5 million, the shares (down 17p at 356p) are well priced on 11 times earnings.

THIRD MARKET

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offr	Chg
485	185	Abelscot	280	310	-90
56	18	Aber Am Pet	35	40	-5
150	110	Allied Ins	125	135	-11
78	48	Amercoeur	45	50	-16
111	55	Andaman Res	73	78	-7
285	116	Broadcast	200	220	-20
192	61	Camolach	148	158	-25
103	45	Catalyst	75	80	-6
203	153	Chelsea Art	170	185	+10
110	68	Chemex Intl	70	75	-12
159	120	Comac	110	130	-33
151	50	Corton Bch	107	112	-3
228	150	Crown Eye	160	170	-20
68	18	Eglinton	19	21	-3
45	11	Do Wrnts	10	12	-6
168	1	Far E Res	125	130	-20
110	76	Gardner (J)	77	82	-20
53	29	Honorbilt	33	38	-5
181	65	Leading Lsr	85	95	-18
90	68	Lynx Tech	85	95	+15
180	115	Medirace	130	140	-31
80	15	Pub Hldgs	38	43	-17
128	105	Seacon	105	115	-2
87	46	Theme Hldgs	57	67	-6
212	179	UPL	182	192	-13
140	110	Unit Group	106	118	-12

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	10.00%
Adam & Company	10.00%
BCCI	10.00%
Consolidated Crds	10.00%
Co-operative Bank	10.00%
C. Hoare & Co	10.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	10.00%
Lloyds Bank	10.00%
Nat Westminster	10.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	10.00%
TSB	10.00%
Citibank NA	10.00%

City of Westminster

TENDER LIST FOR THE PROVISION OF GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICES ON HOUSING ESTATES

As part of its policy of providing services on a value for money basis, the City Council will be inviting selected companies to tender for grounds maintenance on all the City Council's housing estates (some 112 individual sites spread throughout the City).

This is an all-year-round service which is varied according to the needs of particular tenants or lessees. On many estates there is a high percentage of owner occupiers and consequently demands for highly competitive rates for grounds maintenance services.

The City Council places great emphasis on the quality of the environment, and high standards of grass cutting, leaf and litter clearance and other grounds maintenance works are essential. The Council's housing estates are grouped mainly in the North and South of the City, and include some sites without any grass, pre- and post-war ex-GLC sites, high density tower block sites, and other estates constructed in the 1970's.

From the 1 November 1987 until the 25 January 1988, a detailed specification of this work which has yet to receive formal Council approval, can be inspected at the addresses shown below between 10am and 4pm, Monday to Friday. In addition, from the 1 November, any person requiring a copy of the detailed specification may obtain one upon payment of £150 from the Director of Leisure, City of Westminster, City Hall, Victoria Street, London, SW1E 6QP.

It is the Council's intention to invite selected companies to tender for this work and that these invitations will be issued on or soon after the 25 January, 1988. If you consider your company can meet the challenge of providing the extensive range of services required to the highest standards, you are invited to write to:–

David Bryant, the Director of Leisure, providing details of your experience in the field of grounds maintenance, together with a list of senior personnel and details of their experience and professional qualifications.

Applications must be received by Noon on the 25 January, 1988.

D Bryant, Director of Leisure,
City of Westminster,
One Stop Services
City Hall, Victoria Street, London, SW1E 6QP
Tel: 798 2452

City of Westminster
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Round the world's stock exchanges

The day markets went mad

Joe Joseph reports from a broker's dealing room in London

"Well, Tim, interesting times," said a chatty trader yesterday morning at Phillips & Drew, the London broker. His colleagues stared at their dealing screens with the fascination of someone watching an episode of *Crossroads* and wondering whether it could get any worse. Mr Tim Brown, P&D's head of sales, looked as if *interesting* was not the adjective on the tip of his tongue.

Maybe Mr Brown had heard Chancellor Nigel Lawson on the radio at the crack of dawn dismissing the severity of the world's stock market slump as, quite frankly, "rather absurd." Such words must have reassured many anxious City traders that there would, after all, be honey still for tea.

Perhaps reception was bad yesterday morning, affected by last week's gales. Whatever the reason, Mr Lawson's Neroesque refrain from the BBC's radio car failed to impress the movers and shakers in the City who were still tuned in to Wall Street.

Even before the market opened, Dr Paul Nield, the head of equities at P&D, was predicting London would start lower, Lawson or no Lawson.

Like many others in the City, he got to the office 20 minutes early, just before 7am, to secure his ringside seat. Sure enough, the FT-SE 100 index sank 186 points at the open. An hour later, it had slid 242 points.

"Some correction at some point was necessary," said Dr Nield generously. "But that doesn't explain this fall. The size of this correction has been unprecedented and unprecedentedly swift. It has not been a profitable experience. The important thing is to keep your head, keep an eye on the fundamentals, and don't be too heroic about it. Today we lose money. What we are trying to do is avoid losing money as far as we are able. That's the name of the game."

"In some ways," added Dr Nield, proving that only Darwin's spiritual children grow up to become the City's top bananas, "we see what is happening as an opportunity because it weakens our competitors.

Almost on cue, a rumour swept the City that a major US broker had just filed for protection from creditors under the US bankruptcy laws. In the frenzy, nobody seemed too bothered that it was the middle of the night in New York, an unsafe hour to walk the streets, let alone track down a willing government official.

Then, another voice told of a Hong Kong speculator who, having lost a fortune, marched into the office of his financial adviser and shot off his head – his adviser's, not his own. The tale underlined how precarious things can get, especially since the Hong Kong authorities had decided shrewdly to close the market altogether

In London, the market continued to drop like a warm thermometer thrust into a snowdrift. By noon, the FT-SE index had fallen by more than 300 points, proving that London was more than able to match Tokyo and New York, crash for crash.

There was a moment of confusion mid-afternoon when the market was caught off guard: the US cavalry, dressed in the colours of two leading American banks, cut their interest rates and sent a shiver of optimisim racing across the Atlantic.

But everyone soon realised that if what goes down must come up, it was equally plausible – and even more in tune with the laws of nature – that what goes up must come down: share prices swiftly resumed their descent.

Having cut its losses to just 67.2 points at one stage, the index dived back to close 250 points lower.

"At the moment you have a market that is being governed more by mass hysteria than by logic," said Mr Brown. "When the market is like this, you can't do anything sizeable with your portfolio." And nobody, quite frankly, was in the mood to argue.

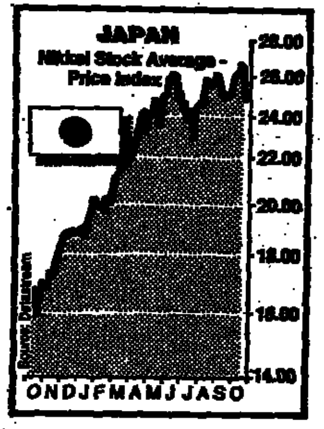
TOKYO

Panic, but buyers move in all day

From Our Correspondent, Tokyo

Like nearly every other stock exchange round the world, Tokyo was engulfed in frenzied activity with dealers and clients screaming down telephone lines to the trading floors and to their counterparts in other stock markets, but the traders took a sanguine view as many buyers slipped through the carnage to grab attractive bargains in the late afternoon.

"It is rough, but it is not unexpected and I think Tokyo is going to bounce, maybe even tomorrow," a tired trader said as he headed home. "But we will all still be here tomorrow."



The Tokyo stock market had followed the New York and Toronto plunges with the key 225-stock Nikkei Dow Average closing 3,836.48 lower at 21,910.08, a loss of 14.9 per cent.

The Tokyo exchange did, however, unlike the Hong Kong market, remain open all day and, while sellers overwhelmed buyers, there were buyers in the market all day too, an analyst said.

"The loss is of course worrying, but the market mechanism worked well, there was no real panic and it appears things at least slowed down from the frenzy on Wall Street on Monday," he said.

Bond prices in Tokyo were up and the dollar gained 1.45 yen to 142.80 yen on the foreign exchanges. The analyst added that if the panic moves into the bond market, then the US would have major cause for concern.

Calm in a stormy world: the Hong Kong exchange yesterday

HONG KONG

Trading suspended for week

From Stephen Leather
Hong Kong

The Hong Kong Stock Exchange yesterday suspended trading for the rest of the week in the wake of the biggest one-day fall in its history.

The suspension followed a single day plunge of 420 points on the Hang Seng Index on Monday, which wiped HK$65 billion (£5.2 billion) off the value of the Crown Colony's shares.

Mr Ronald Li, the stock exchange chairman, said that the four-day closure was necessary to protect local investors. He added that he did not think Hong Kong's image as an international financial centre would be damaged as a result of the decision.

He said the move was made in view of the chaotic situation on Monday and that the local economy was not responsible for the slump in the stock market. "The world markets were dragging down the Hong Kong market" he said. "It is a matter of psychology which cannot be controlled by us."

The closure was slammed by Mr Richard Witts, managing director of Schroder Securities and secretary of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange during the boom and busts of the early 1970s and 1980s.

He said: "The market should be allowed to do what it wants to do. None of the other markets in the world has taken this action."

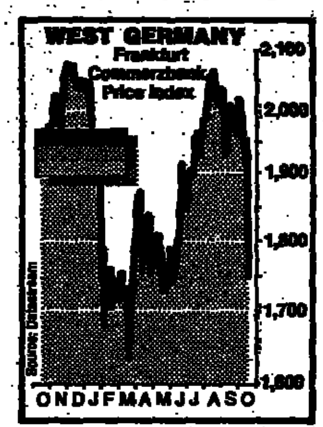
FRANKFURT

A day of 'total chaos' and wild fluctuations

From John England
Frankfurt

Share prices on the Frankfurt stock exchange yesterday fluctuated wildly, with some stocks gaining but most still weak, in what brokers described as "total chaos" that forced trading to be extended for the second consecutive day.

There were marked differences in developments in the same markets that saw, for example, AEG close up DM16, Siemens down DM15, BASF and Hoechst up DM9.50 each.



The Commerzbank index slowed its dive, closing at 1,669.4, down 74.7 points, against a drop of 132 points on Monday. Government bonds put on increases of up to DM3.65.

On the foreign exchange market, the dollar recovered smartly to DM1.7918 after a drop to DM1.7740 on Monday, following talks on cooperation between Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, the West German finance minister, Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, and Herr Karl Otto Pöhl, the Bundesbank president.

But gold dropped from $481.60 per fine ounce in early trading to $464.30.

SYDNEY

Australian futures give signal of worse to come

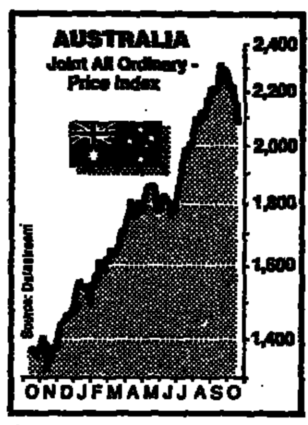
From Richard Battley
Sydney

Waves of panic selling caused the worst day in Australian share market history yesterday as investors slashed an unprecedented $Aus 55 billion (£23.7 billion) off stocks.

"What can you possibly say, no one alive has seen before what we saw here today," Mr Norm Peatling of the Melbourne broker Potter Partners said after the market's main indicator, the all-ordinaries index, dropped a record 512.8 points or 24.8 per cent to 1552.6 points.

This easily eclipsed the previous highest points fall of 81.3 on Monday, and is more than five times larger than the 4.6 per cent loss on September 27 1974.

The Australian market was the last domino in the worldwide stock market collapse on Monday. "It was invevitable that our market would sink in line with the main markets but a fall of this size is absolutely staggering," a broker said.



Investors signalled that the market has not bottomed out by slashing the December share price index futures by a record *676* points to *1330* points – an astounding 222.6 points discount on the physical market.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Lending the markets an air of unreality

Nothing illustrated the air of unreality pervading the City better than the gilt market's reaction to the September money supply figures. The big bad number was a £4.4 billion rise in sterling bank lending, only a shade below the record July figure that helped get the gilt market into its present mess.

There was a momentary reaction in gilts, a somewhat larger one in equities, but yesterday's influences were almost entirely international, and by the close gilts were showing gains of two points at the long end. On a normal day, with a set of bank lending figures like these, gilts would have been more likely to end two points down.

There were no special factors in the September money supply figures. Bank lending was well above the top of the range of market expectations without any extenuating circumstances, as in July, of repayments of foreign currency borrowing by companies.

Credit growth is very strong, and shows little signs of abating. And when it is no longer possible to say with any confidence that excess credit growth will be absorbed in rising prices for financial assets, there may be more reason to be concerned that it will be reflected in rising prices for goods.

Certainly, to judge from the figures from the clearing banks, just about everyone wants to borrow at the moment. The spectrum running from borrowing on credit cards by individuals to lending to manufacturing industry for investment was filled with strong growth in lending, the figures showed. This is all consistent with the booming real economy, but it also carries warning signals on inflation.

Even little M0 is starting to misbehave. Its 12-month rate of growth moved up to 5.2 per cent last month, from 4.5 per cent in August. It could move embarrassingly close to the top of the 2 to 6 per cent target range over the next two months, but few would expect there to be any base rate implications in this.

The poor bank lending figures may have escaped the usual attention in the general market mayhem of yesterday. It remains to be seen whether this will also apply to Friday's trade figures.

When to buy BP

In the four business days since the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Nigel Lawson, announced the price of the BP share offer (three days if hurricane Friday is excluded), the shares have lost 61p – a full 17 per cent of their value. They now stand at 289p and, at this level, any hope of a premium on the partly-paid has evaporated.

But there is still a week left before the closing date for applications next Wednesday and if a week is a long time in politics, the gyrations of the market will have reminded us that it can be an eternity in the Stock Exchange.

Whatever happens to the BP share price between now and then, it is reasonable bet that many small investors will have been scared off.

If the market price recovers to 310p, which is equivalent to the offer price of 330p if the benefit of the instalment payments is taken into account, the UK institutions will be fairly happy to take their allocations on the underwriting stick.

But if the price remains below this critical level, a new danger will emerge. Approximately one billion of the shares on offer have been underwritten by overseas institutions and they could well dump their underwriting "stick" back on the London market, depressing the share price still further.

For those with a stout heart and nerves of steel, that could be a better buying opportunity than the original offer.

The system holds up

A year after Big Bang, the new dealing system has come in for its biggest test and is holding up well. No market-maker appears to be on the brink of extinction. To counter the sort of market rumours that always arise at such times, SG Warburg Securities admitted that it had suffered losses of a mere £4.7 million on Monday. For a group of Warburg's financial strength these are definitely not massive losses. Barclays de Zoete Wedd also denied rumours of big losses, while in New York both Shearson Lehman Brothers and Goldman Sachs publicly denied stories that they were insolvent.

Apart from the usual complaints that dealers were not answering telephones, it was clear that many were only quoting deals of 1,000 shares each way on their screen price and margins widened when anyone on the telephone wanted to deal in larger amounts. That is perfectly permissible under Stock Exchange regulations and is understandable in current market conditions, but hardly qualifies as best market practice.

Most important of all, the machinery has held up well. Despite record trading, Seaq has not gone wrong once this week. Several in-house dealing systems have run into temporary problems but no one has been forced to deal off-screen for long. There may still be some question about how some houses are coping with the new strain on their settlements systems, but the relative lack of problems is in stark contrast to the first days after Big Bang.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Howzat for a bid . . .

After the stock market crash investors must be searching for safe houses for what money they have left. But few have come up with such imaginative investments as John Coyle, director of the quoted PR agency Broad Street Associates. An ardent cricket fan, he has paid £170 at a charity auction for a West Indian Test match sweater so big it hangs below his knees. "I thought I was buying Sylvester Clarke's jumper, since it was for his benefit," says Coyle, who stands 6ft 1in "but it turned out to be one he had pinched from Joel Garner – and it must have been baggy on him!" Garner, the fast bowler known to his friends as Big Bird, stands 6ft 8in in his cricketing socks.

Crisis? What crisis?

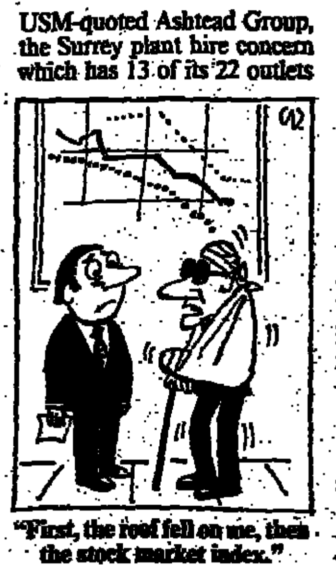
Horror stories may have been emanating from New York, London, Tokyo and even Belgium but not all the world's stock markets have fallen out of bed. The Cairo market, the oldest in the Middle East, traded normally yesterday with dealers still oblivious to the mayhem elsewhere. "Is there a crisis in world stock markets?" inquired one stockbroker, Nassef Guirguis. "When did it start? Maybe the Iran-Iraq war is causing it." Share prices in Cairo were unaffected by plunging prices elsewhere. Sitting in comfortable chairs in their dealing rooms, brokers there dealt in shares of local companies quietly and without panic. "Our stock market is unique," said Guirguis. "Companies in Egypt are not listed anywhere else in the world – a world recession would not affect us." Some 430 companies are listed on the Cairo exchange with a share value of 230 million Egyptian pounds (£63 million), and the average daily volume is between 10 and 25 transactions. The next direct flight leaves Heathrow at 3pm today.

Round Robin

The Governor of the Bank of England, Robin Leigh-Pemberton, seems to have a flair for arranging his foreign trips at just the right moment. He left on Monday for Romania, as guest of the president of the National Bank, and travels on to Yugoslavia and Bulgaria before returning on Thursday of next week. The Governor, it may be recalled, was also behind the Iron Curtain, that time in Russia, just as the Bank of England was putting £100 million into Johnson Matthey Bankers.

It's an ill wind

USM-quoted Ashtead Group, the Surrey plant hire concern which has 13 of its 22 outlets in the wind-torn South-east, has been experiencing record trade after Friday's hurricane. Its outlets at badly hit Leatherhead, Surrey, and Lancing, Sussex, ran out of generators, roof ladders, mini-excavators, tarpaulins and chainsaws within an hour of opening on Friday, and stocks at other branches have also since been exhausted. But it seems that perhaps not all the tools will be used in the way originally intended. Some old hands in the City were yesterday jesting that the chainsaws, at least, could now be put to another use – suggesting, almost a little too eagerly, the inexperienced young market-makers blamed for triggering London's panic stock market fall.



"First, the roof fell on me, then the stock market index."

● There is, after all, the odd ray of wit amid the gloom. Phillips & Drew say . . . Japanese swords are the only bull market around. I'm told it is even funnier in Japanese.

Flat bubbly

The Louis Roederer champagne index at that Finsbury Circus hostelry, the Pavilion, notched up an even lower score yesterday lunch-time than on Monday – with a record low of just two bottles of the £20.50 bubbly consumed, as against four the previous day. With its record still standing at 18 bottles – set on August 21 when the FT-SE 100 index jumped 25 points – owner David Gilmour tells me that they did, however, sell more than two cases of other champagne brands yesterday, significantly more than on Monday. "I'm not a chartist," says Gilmour, "and don't think I could have forseen what has happened this week, but the champagne index does seem to rise with big changes in the market – either up or down. Except, that is, this week, when everyone has been too stunned." But the mood in the bar and restaurant was markedly jollier than Monday. "They seemed much more relaxed and confident and instead of having tables cancelled in the restaurant, we were actually having to turn people away."

● **While waiting for the London stock market to come to its senses, it seems that a number of younger City slickers will be propping up a copy of a good book alongside their electronic screens – *The Great Crash 1929* by Prof John Kenneth Galbraith. During the past couple of days copies of the legendary book, written in 1954, have completely sold out in just about every bookshop within the Square Mile.**

Carol Leonard

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BUSINESS SUMMARY

Allied's Canada buy

Allied-Lyons, the food and drinks group, is increasing its presence in the Canadian spirits industry through the acquisition of McGuinness Distillers of Toronto from the drinks conglomerate Heublein for C$45 million (£20.7 million). The purchase, which will give Allied a leading share of about 30 per cent of the Canadian drinks market, awaits approval by Investment Canada and the Bureau of Competition Policy, Canada's *fair trading authorities*.

The purchase is being made by Corby Distilleries, which is 52 per cent-owned by Allied's subsidiary Hiram Walker-Gooderham & Worts. McGuinness is a leading producer and marketer of spirits through its range of liqueurs, vodka, whisky, rum and gin.

EIT asset value rises

The Edinburgh Investment Trust, Britain's biggest, yesterday revealed that its net asset value per share had increased from 229.1p to 261.6p in *the six months to* September 30. Its equity portfolio at that date was worth £729.9 million, though in the current state of the markets it will not be the same today. It made profits of £7.94 million against *£9.19 million*.

29% of RHM for Goodman

Goodman Fielder, the Australian food group, has raised its stake in Ranks Hovis McDougall to 29.9 per cent from 21 per cent. It *stated yesterday that it had* no intention of making a bid for RHM in the next six months. *RHM* shares opened at 334p yesterday and fell to 316p before recovering. Goodman last purchased RHM shares in August at 355p apiece.

Reckitt's £9.3m sale

Reckitt & Colman, the food and household products group, has completed its withdrawal from the industrial cleaning market with the announcement yesterday of the disposal of its industrial cleaning businesses in Denmark and Sweden for a total of £9.3 million.

The British cleaning companies were sold to BET for £12.75 million earlier this month. Turnover of the British and Scandinavian businesses totalled £55 million in 1986 and pretax profits were £1.8 million. Reckitt intends to devote the proceeds of the sales to building up international branded consumer products and pharmaceuticals.

Beazer doubles profits as new homes market grows

By Alexandra Jackson

A *buoyant domestic* building market and acquisitions at home and abroad enabled *C H Beazer (Holdings)* to more than double its pretax profits in the year to the end of June, from £31.1 million to £72.3 million.

Turnover rose from £507.1 million to £1,033.1 million. Fully diluted earnings per *share* rose *from 15.85p to* 19.03p. A final dividend of 3.62p was declared, making a total of 5.37p (4.67p).

Mr Brian Beazer, the chairman and chief executive, said: "These are good results, with all divisions contributing to the advance. There is still plenty of organic growth in our existing businesses, so we are taking a rest from issuing shares."

Gifford Hill, the American building materials business acquired for £200 million last November, and included for eight months, contributed $30 million (£17.8 million) at the pretax level. The total trading profit from building materials interests grew from £1.8 million to £26.4 million.

French Kier, the contracting group, was included for a full year compared with eight months in 1985-86. Contracting trading profits rose from £7.5 million to £11.6 million. Contracting margins have been firmer in south-east England and in North America.

Brian Beazer: sees more growth from businesses

Beazer is now the fifth largest housebuilder in Britain and completed 5,561 *units last* year. Trading profits from homes and property grew from £30.1 million to £46.9 million. Beazer aims to sell 8,000 homes next year, 7,200 of which will be in Britain and 800 in the US.

Margins in southern England are levelling out, but in the Midlands and North they are catching up. Beazer spent £70 million on housing land last year compared with £50 million the year before. The average house price was £47,000, compared with £36,100 in 1985-86.

Henry Boot rises 25%

By Alison Eadie

Henry Boot & Sons, the Sheffield construction and railway engineering company, *made pretax profits of* £931,000 in the half year to the end of June, a rise of 25.5 per cent on turnover 1.6 percent higher at £68.6 million.

After a slow start at the beginning of the year, construction demand has picked up and there are now more opportunities to tender. Mr *Jamie Boot*, the chairman, said. Margins, however, remained thin and competition was as fierce as ever.

Housebuilding was buoyant and ahead of budget at the halfway stage.

The railway engineering companies benefited from increased efficiencies, but uncertainties and cutbacks at British Rail are causing problems

Work is continuing on the railway contracts in Singapore and Hong Kong with construction of Phase 2 of the Mass Rapid Transit Corporation in Singapore recently started.

The interim dividend was raised to 5p from 3p in order to reduce the disparity between the two halves.

New Reuters services

By Colin Narbrough

Reuters, the news and information organization, yesterday announced the European launch of its new high-speed quotation services for the commodities and energy markets.

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APPOINTMENTS

Authority names managing director

Authority & Company: Mr **David Ranan** has been named managing director and Mr **Michael Woodford** becomes a director.

FTC Holdings: Mr **Peter Shirley** becomes a non-executive director.

Racal-Milgo: Mr **Raymond Colucci** has been appointed executive vice president.

Media Audits: Mr **Tony Ayers** has been made chairman.

Geo-Search Corporation: **Mr Bill Gillaly** becomes chief executive officer. Mr **Rodney** Robinson remains chairman.

Allied Insurance Brokers Group: **Mr Steven Small** joins the board as a director.

Powell Duffryn: Mr **Peter Shuttleworth** becomes a director *from January 1, 1988*.

Bain Clarkson: Mr **D N Botsford** joins the board and will become managing director, administrative services.

Standard Chartered Merchant Bank: **Mr Andrew Martyr** becomes an assistant director.

Peter Shirley: non-executive director FTC Holdings

Majestic Wine: Mr **Frank** *Berger* has been appointed vice chairman and joint chief executive, Mr **Christopher Townsend** becomes managing director and Mr **Ian Barry** becomes group finance director.

Coutts & Co: Mr **Nicholas Assheton** becomes a director.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES	
Albe	138 –6
Alexander Walter	240 –11
Amer Plastic (61p)	70 –8
Anglo Leasing	200 –15
Banner Homes (105p)	123 –8
Butte Mining (100p)	115 –38
Cauldon	32 –5½
Corporate Prop	85 –6
Dolphin Packg (106p)	128 –4
Econ Forestry	115 –11
Explaura	34 –8
Glamar Gp	228 –8
Guildehouse	90 –15
ISA Intl (80p)	118 –15
Kingston Oil (100p)	115 –15
Knobs Knockers	115 –15
Lloyd Thomp (170p)	178 –10
Marcol Group	105 –8
Power Corp	98 –12
Premark Intl	£13¼ –2¼
Rolls-Royce (170p)	152½ –31½
Ross Consumer (165p)	205 –15
Rural Plan	103 –8
Sac Archives	200 –27
Shaftsbury (180p)	173
Stanhope Props (250p)	239 –31
URS Intl	75 –5
USDC Inv	150 –30
Zetters Leis	135 –25
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Birmingham Mint N/P	23
Hunter Sapphire N/P	5 –20
Kleinwort Ben N/P	10 –32
Ladbroke N/P	8 –25
Lilleshall N/P	8 –35
Local London N/P	15¼
New England N/P	4 –2
Peachy Props N/P	10 –30
Securiguard N/P	
Sketchley N/P	15 –21
Wace N/P	4 –9

(Issue price in brackets).

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	*Last Dealings*	*Last Declaration*	*For Settlement*
October 19	October 31	January 21	February 1

Call options were taken out on: 20/10/87 Barratt Devs., Hanson, Dee Corp., Butte Mining, Brunswick, Eagle Trust, BSR, Cityvision, STC, Trinoco, Monarch Res., British Airways, Pavion, Marks & Spencer, Cable & Wireless, Explaura, Wellcome, J Crowther, Central & Sheerwood, Control Secs., Dares Estates, Abaco, Amstrad, 600 Group, Dowty, Rolls-Royce, Sainsbury, Astra Holdings, ICI, Carless Capel, Tozer Kemsley, Blue Arrow, Burton, Greenwich Res., Publishing Holdings, THF, TSB, Singer & Friedlander, Lonrho, Peek, Jaguar.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Alld Lyon	390	7	20	35	25	35	40
(*374)	420	2	10	22	50	57	60
	460	1	6	15	90	95	100
Bass	900	8	53	90	30	80	105
(*882)	950	2	20	50	80	120	140
	1000	1	12	35	130	160	180
Brit Air	180	5	20	26	28	26	35
(*172)	200	2	12	14	40	40	40
	220	1	16	11	50	60	75
Brit Com	460	1	17	25	80	95	105
(*393)	500	1	10	17	120	120	125
	550	½	6	11	170	170	170
Brit Gas	165	1	9	—	25	32	—
(*149)	180	½	3½	8	38	42	46
	200	½	2	—	58	60	—
BP	330	1	23	28	45	55	63
(*292)	360	1	14	19	75	80	90
	390	1	7	10	105	105	110
Britoil	300	½	10	30	50	68	75
(*257)	330	½	5	15	80	95	100
	360	½	4	13	120	110	113
Cons Gold	1400	3	60	105	240	260	270
(*1160)	1450	3	45	85	290	310	330
	1500	2	35	70	340	380	370
Courtauld	420	35	50	—	½	10	—
(*453)	450	7	25	45	20	25	27
	500	1	10	25	55	55	60
	550	1	4	12	105	105	105
Com Union	330	75	85	90	2	5	7
(*398)	360	45	60	65	2	10	15
	390	17	40	48	12	20	25
C & W	360	15	50	60	12	30	34
(*397)	420	5	35	60	30	47	60
	460	1	22	48	70	80	100
	500	½	6	30	110	115	130
GEC	200	5	20	30	10	20	25
(*197)	220	1	13	19	30	35	40
	240	½	7	11	50	52	57
GKN	330	8	35	40	10	20	30
(*330)	360	2	18	28	35	40	50
	390	1	8	18	65	63	73
	420	1	3	12	95	93	98
Grand Met	460	28	47	—	10	38	—
(*480)	500	5	25	40	32	50	65
	550	½	11	18	82	90	95
	600	½	4	11	132	132	137
ICI	1450	3	70	90	110	150	170
(*1357)	1500	3	50	60	150	190	205
	1550	2	25	48	200	235	240
	1600	1½	17	32	250	285	280
Jaguar	500	2	27	45	80	70	85
(*448)	550	1	15	35	110	120	130
	600	1	4	17	160	170	180
Land Sec	550	2	15	27	50	52	55
(*508)	600	1	8	15	100	100	100
	650	1	4	10	150	150	150
M & S	220	10	26	32	6	16	20
(*229)	240	2½	11	22	16	26	32
	260	½	7	16	34	35	40
R-Royce	185	1	9	19	33	35	42
(*160)	195	1	5	13	43	45	52
	205	½	4	9	53	55	62
	215	½	2	—	63	65	—
Shell	1350	1	20	40	250	265	283
(*1110)	1400	½	7	30	300	310	325
	1450	½	4	22	350	350	363
Storehse	360	½	14	27	60	67	70
(301)	390	½	8	18	90	90	90
	420	½	6	11	120	120	120
	460	½	3	8	160	160	160
Trafalgar	360	20	35	50	7	17	22
(*373)	390	4	17	30	25	33	35
	420	1	8	17	55	57	57
TSB	130	2	14	17	10	9	13
(*129)	140	½	8	12	17	18	20
	150	½	3	4	25	25	25
Woolworth	325	10	—	—	12	—	—
(*327)	330	—	25	40	—	23	35
	350	3	—	—	32	—	—
	375	1	13	—	55	65	—
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Amstrad	160	10	18	24	30	35	38
(*137)	180	4	10	18	48	50	52
	200	2	6	14	65	68	70
Barclays	550	13	35	45	75	85	95
(*480)	600	4	17	22	125	125	130
	650	1	4	7	175	175	175
Beecham	460	25	35	50	80	85	90
(*420)	500	17	28	37	115	120	125
	550	8	18	28	160	165	170
	600	2	7	12	205	210	215
Boots	280	12	20	28	28	34	40
(*264)	300	6	14	20	42	50	56
	330	2	6	12	72	74	76
BTR	330	13	22	30	32	35	45
(*311)	360	6	14	22	65	70	75
	390	1½	8	12	95	100	105
Blue Circ	460	—	30	45	—	70	80
(*413)	500	5	17	30	120	105	135
	550	1	13	—	170	125	—
De Beers	1100	390	—	—	8	—	—
(*1375)	1200	290	—	—	15	—	—
	1300	190	—	—	80	—	—

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
De Beers	1400	90	—	—	—	—	—
Dixons	330	30	44	—	16	24	—
(*336)	360	16	28	43	32	38	38
	390	6	20	30	56	56	56
Glaxo	1400	35	55	60	230	270	280
(*1249)	1450	25	45	40	270	310	320
	1500	20	35	28	320	350	360
	1550	15	30	22	370	400	400
Hanson	140	15	17	19	17	19	22
(*132)	160	7	11	13	29	34	37
	180	3	6	8	46	48	49
	200	1½	2	4	65	68	70
Lonrho	280	—	40	—	—	25	—
(*285)	300	20	30	40	27	43	50
	330	13	17	27	53	65	73
	360	4	8	10	83	98	103
Midland	465	12	25	—	65	70	—
(*430)	522	5	—	—	100	—	—
	550	2	10	15	125	125	125
Sears	140	9	15	—	10	12	—
(*140)	160	4	8	10	22	24	27
	180	1	3	5	42	42	42
Tesco	167	10	—	—	12	—	—
(*170)	183	4	14	—	20	24	—
	200	1	11	13	34	37	39
Thorn EMI	650	27	53	85	65	90	110
(*613)	700	12	34	55	100	115	140
	750	7	17	30	145	150	170
	800	4	8	—	195	200	—
THF	240	14	25	40	27	35	50
(*231)	260	8	13	22	42	55	57
	280	3	7	12	60	68	83
Unilever	600	1	7	12	120	125	130
(*503)	650	1	3	6	170	175	180
	700	1	2	4	220	225	230
Wellcome	360	25	45	60	50	65	70
(*398)	390	20	33	40	85	95	100
	420	9	18	30	105	110	120
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAA	130	6	11	15	15	20	25
(*122)	140	3	8	12	25	27	32
	160	2	3	4	45	47	50
Brit Aero	460	23	50	65	25	40	55
(*465)	500	10	30	40	47	60	70
	550	3	15	25	95	105	115
BAT Ind	550	30	55	70	25	35	53
(*574)	600	15	37	50	60	70	85
	650	8	25	35	100	105	115
	700	3	13	23	150	155	165
Brit Tele	240	12	—	—	12	—	—
(*237)	260	4	15	20	30	38	39
	280	2	7	14	50	52	54
Cadbury	260	4	9	14	28	31	34
(*238)	280	2	6	8	45	47	50
	300	1	2	4	65	67	70
Guinness	330	5	20	25	47	50	55
(*280)	360	2	9	15	75	77	78
	390	1	4	8	105	105	110
Ladbroke	427	6	—	—	48	—	—
(*394)	444	3	16	17	68	70	77
	483	1	5	9	105	107	110
LASMO	330	15	28	40	30	35	42
(*315)	360	7	16	28	55	57	65
	390	1	10	18	80	81	83
Plessey	180	25	33	40	10	20	25
(*189)	200	10	23	23	22	35	40
	220	3	8	14	38	45	50
P & O	638	4	30	—	83	83	—
(*563)	688	2	12	—	133	138	—
	750	1	6	8	185	195	195
Prudential	1050	6	15	30	200	200	205
(*858)	1100	2	10	25	250	250	255
	1150	2	5	15	300	300	300
Racal	300	8	18	30	42	52	57
(*258)	330	5	10	20	72	75	77
	360	2	7	13	102	105	107
RTZ	1250	30	75	110	260	300	340
(*1010)	1300	25	65	95	310	350	390
	1350	10	55	85	360	400	440
	1400	5	45	75	410	450	490
Vaal Reef	130	8	13	19	20	23	28
(*124)	140	4	10	16	30	32	35
	150	2	8	12	40	42	43
Tr 11¾%	102	[illegible]	2	—	½	[illegible]	—
1991	104	[illegible]	½	—	27/32	1½	—
(*£104)	106	[illegible]	[illegible]	—	2 1/16	2½	—
	108	[illegible]	[illegible]	—	4½	4 7/16	—
Tr 11¾%	110	2½	3½	4 7/16	1	[illegible]	3½
03/07	112	[illegible]	[illegible]	3 7/16	1½	[illegible]	4
(*£111)	114	[illegible]	2	[illegible]	3 7/16	4 1/16	5½
	116	½	1 7/16	2 1/16	4½	5½	[illegible]
	118	[illegible]	[illegible]	—	[illegible]	7½	—

FT-SE INDEX (*1925)

Series	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
2000	130	200	200	150	250	250	330	380
2050	80	200	170	100	300	300	350	420
2100	25	150	100	80	350	400	400	450
2150	20	130	85	50	350	375	450	500
2200	13	50	50	40	400	500	500	550
2250	5	25	30	30	450	550	550	600
2300	5	15	20	20	550	600	600	650
2350	3	10	10	15	600	650	650	700

October 20, 1987 Total: n/a Calls ..... Puts ..... FT-SE: Calls ..... Puts .....

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§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks. (VOLUMES PAGE 26)

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1	Belhaven	Breweries	
2	Berkeley & Hay	Property	
3	Cosalt	Industrials A-D	
4	Telemetrix	Electricals	
5	Oliver (G)	Drapery,Stores	
6	Tavener Rutledge	Foods	
7	Ropner	Industrials L-R	
8	Oceonics	Electricals	
9	Office Elect Mach	Industrials L-R	
10	Plysu	Chemicals,Plas	
11	Cook (Wm)	Industrials A-D	
12	Brown & Jackson	Building, Roads	
13	England (J)	Foods	
14	Castings	Industrials A-D	
15	Bespak	Industrials A-D	
16	Nurdin & Peacock	Foods	
17	Finlan Gp	Building, Roads	
18	Borthwick	Foods	
19	Chamberlin & Hill	Industrials A-D	
20	Woodhouse & Rix	Industrials S-Z	
21	DAKS Simpson 'A'	Drapery,Stores	
22	Union	Banks,Discount	
23	Young (H)	Industrials S-Z	
24	Benchmark	Banks,Discount	
25	Ashley	Industrials A-D	
26	Dobson Park	Industrials A-D	
27	Lovell (YJ)	Building, Roads	
28	Bemrose	Paper,Print,Adv	
29	Macfarlane	Industrials L-R	
30	Dyson (J&J)	Industrials A-D	
31	Brasway	Industrials A-D	
32	Cadbury-Schwp (aa)	Foods	
33	Gerrard Nat	Banks,Discount	
34	Chase Manhattan	Banks,Discount	
35	Benlox	Industrials A-D	
36	Peck	Industrials L-R	
37	Garton Eng	Industrials E-K	
38	Dewhurst	Electricals	
39	Ward Group	Building, Roads	
40	Kalamazoo	Industrials E-K	
41	Cattles	Banks,Discount	
42	Church Charles	Building, Roads	
43	CASE	Electricals	
44	Relyon	Industrials L-R	
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BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1987 High	1987 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
180	125	Rea Bros	120	130	-15	2.0	1.6	23.0
216	137	Rothschild (J) Hld	150	153	-35	8.2	5.4	9.1
449	298	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	320	325	-58	25.6	4.8	8.1
17	705	Schroders	14	15	●-1⅛	22.8	1.6	22.6
943	803	Stand Chart (aa)	800	805	-108	48.0	6.0	7.5
154	114½	TSB (aa)	123	127	-9	6.5	5.2	..
10½	680	Union	935	945	-3	63.0	6.7	10.9
578	338	Warburg SG	415	420	-70	..	..	..
198	122	Do 8% 'A'	142	147	-37	8.2	5.7	..
37⅞	24⅞	Wells Fargo	24½	..	●-4⅝	..	..	..
550	290	Wintrust	520	540	-10	8.5	1.6	20.9

BREWERIES

1987 High	1987 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
471	317	Allied-Lyons (aa)	350	353	-35	15.8	4.4	10.4
10½	729	Bass (aa)	845	-	-50	34.1	2.9	15.6
77	52	Belhaven	51	53	-8	1.0	1.9	18.7
233	124	Boddington	185	187	●+3	5.1	3.1	18.1
796	537	Brown (Matthew)	725	730	-27	20.2b	2.8	25.4
246	131	Buckleys	203	208	-20	4.4	2.1	60.8
239	141	Bulmer (H P)	162	170	-31	7.9	4.8	11.8
195	165	Burtonwood Brew	165	170	-7	4.0	2.4	27.1
535	440	Clark (Matthew)	480	490	-37	12.8	2.5	18.2
361	202	Devenish (JA)	315	320	-21	4.0	1.3	44.0
270½	187	Greenall Whitley	206	210	-26	7.8	3.8	12.6
483	259	Greene King	445	448	-18	8.9	2.0	22.0
380	284	Guinness (aa)	263	268	●-38	12.6b	4.7	9.5
795	470	Hardys & Hansons	740	780	-40	26.4	3.5	18.5
97	65	Highland Dist	80	82	-11	3.4	4.2	12.7
223	138	Invergordon Dist	180	185	-20	7.5	3.9	12.6
248	145	Irish Dist	170	175	-42	6.0	3.5	
154	113	Marston Thompson	138	139	-3½	3.5	2.5	17.6
803	345	Morland	520	527	-40	9.9	1.9	25.2
470	137	SA Breweries	375	425	-18			
276	178	Scot & New (aa)	222	225	-18	10.9	4.9	12.5
598	468	Vaux	503	518	-61	18.6	3.7	17.9
385	272	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	272	275	-31	12.2	4.5	11.6
480	346	Do 'B'	375	380	-7	12.2	3.2	15.9
374	219	Whitbread Inv	308	310	-33	11.3	3.7	35.5
424	277½	Wolverhampton & D	407	408	-10½	7.0	1.7	23.8
477	274	Young 'A'	400	420	-50	11.6	2.8	23.9

BUILDING, ROADS

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

CINEMAS, TV

DRAPERY, STORES

ELECTRICALS

FINANCE, LAND

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

FOODS

HOTELS, CATERERS

INDUSTRIALS A-D

E-K

L-R

S-Z

1987 High	1987 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
227	173	Warner Howard	207	212	..	3.6	1.7	27.5
193	86	Waterford Glass	90	95	●-14	1.9	2.0	12.1
570	232	Wellcome (aa)	330	-	-56	2.9	0.9	40.5
79½	40½	Wellman	47	49	-8	..	..	8.1
450	308	Whatman Reeve	395	405	●-30	4.5	1.1	20.7
134	90	Whessoe	100	105	-11	7.9p	7.7	9.1
390	248	Whitecroft	310	320	-40	13.7	4.3	13.7
255	118	Wilkes (James)	190	200	●-20	9.7	5.0	12.8
348	190	Williams Hldgs	280	285	s-30	9.1p	3.2	5.7
220	161	Wills Gp	193	195	●-14	8.8	4.5	14.7
708	506	Wolseley	610	615	-21	19.2p	3.1	14.8
195	52	Wood (SW)	130	140	-21	..	..	75.0
140	82	Woodhouse & Rix	108	110	-8	4.1	3.8	13.2
12⅝	55	Worcester	165	195	s-40	2.3	1.3	25.7
307	118	Wyndham Eng	220	260	●-61	2.7	1.1	25.0
422	278	Yale & Valor	310	315	-28	10.0p	3.2	..
179	107	Young (H)	153	158	●-8	5.3	3.4	13.3

INSURANCE

1987 High	1987 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
347	198	Abbey Life (aa)	220	225	-53	11.6	5.2	..
19⅝	13	Alex & Alex	12¾	13¼	-2¼	100	7.7	..
794	420	Allianz Vers	420	-	-41	..	..	..
28⅝	17⅞	Am Gen	17⅝	-	-3	80.0	5.1	..
393	203	Bradstock	285	295	-28	5.6	1.9	22.7
13	884	Britannic	11⅝	11½	-1	53.4	4.7	..
461	282	Com Union (aa)	375	382	●-35	19.3	5.1	..
458	305	Equity & Law	435	438	-3	11.0	2.5	..
418	180	FAI	220	250	-160	..	..	..
11¾	788	Gen Accident (aa)	858	865	-85	41.8	4.8	21.7
11¼	757½	GRE (aa)	880	870	-65	53.4	6.2	25.1
558	437	Heath C E	480	485	-24	34.2	6.9	13.5
654	11	Hogg Rob & GM	183	188	-17			
394	246	Legal & Gen (aa)	280	-	●-30	14.1	5.0	35.7
375	207	London & Man	280	290	●-44	10.4	3.6	40.5
497	250	Lon Utd Inv	265	275	s-35	11.5	4.3	13.4
46⅞	31½	Marsh & McLen	31¾	31¾	●-4¾	22.8	7.0	..
443	236	Minet	378	380	●-10	13.4	3.5	14.0
412	285	PWS	280	330	-13	14.4b	5.1	18.2
518	328	Pearl (aa)	375	385	-60	16.4	4.3	27.1
11½	788	Prudential (aa)	820	830	●-160	41.8	5.1	54.5
599	433	Refuge	450	460	●-70	22.8	5.0	27.9
585	403	Royal (aa)	430	435	●-60	25.3	5.8	35.5
349	189	Sedgwick (aa)	225	230	●-24	16.4	7.2	10.8
338	207	Steel Burrill	225	230	●-5	12.7	5.6	11.7
618	377	Stenhouse Hldgs	445	460	-32	9.3	2.1	29.6
12¾	845	Sun Alliance (aa)	870	-	-73	35.6	4.1	78.3
13	944	Sun Life	11⅛	11¼	●-1	40.4	3.6	..
407	240	Trade Indemnity	385	395	●..	6.4	1.6	14.2
494	273	Willis Faber (aa)	280	282	●-44	15.2	5.2	11.2
128	44	Windsor Securities	90	100	-15	1.1	1.2	77.9

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LEISURE

1987 High	1987 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
301	132	Barr & WA 'A'	270	280	●-15	12.3	4.5	21.4
235	165	Boosey & Hawkes	225	235	..	..	..	34.4
471	143	Brent Walker	330	340	-27	8.6	2.6	24.6
337	110	Campari	255	265	-40	5.5	2.1	13.3
211	127	Capital Radio	142	145	-28	6.9	4.8	14.8
306	215	Castle Comm	250	280	●-8	5.5	2.2	
275	171	Chrysalis	208	213	-32	7.7	3.6	21.1
688	420	First Leisure	543	558	●-78	11.0	2.0	22.2
188	73½	GRA	148	151	..	1.2	0.8	75.0
185	60	Hamburger Brooks	160	180	..	..	..	24.9
105	34	Juliana's Hldgs	73	78	-10	1.6	2.1	28.4
355	154	Lee Intl	350	360	●..	4.5	1.3	28.3
182	55	Leisure Inv	155	165	-14	0.5	0.3	54.1
232	161	Mecca Leisure	193	197	-10	5.1	2.6	24.8
355	168	[illegible]	285	295	-23	10.6	3.7	12.4
545	205	Midsummer	420	430	●-45	2.7	0.6	16.5

MINING

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

NEWSPAPERS, PUBLISHERS

OILS, GAS

OVERSEAS TRADERS

PAPER, PRINT, ADVERTISING

PROPERTY

SHIPPING

SHOES, LEATHER

TEXTILES

1987 High	1987 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
176	128	Sirdar	128	130	●-11	7.1	5.4	18.7
205	70	Smallshaw (R)	110	140	+20	3.8	9.0	11.5
91	34½	Stoddard 'A'	75	80	-5	1.8	2.3	9.4
253	80	Texturised Jersey	210	215	-15	8.2	3.8	17.9
600	246	Tomkinsons	480	500	-80	6.5	1.3	23.6
184	105	Tootal	113	117	-20	6.0	5.2	14.4
282	35	West Trust	105	115	s-32	3.4	3.1	20.5
375	220	Yorklyde	250	270	-32	10.3	4.0	10.6

TOBACCOS

1987 High	1987 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
709	452	BAT (aa)	555	-	●-22	21.0	3.8	13.1
183	118	Carroll	125	135	●-25	..	..	..
439	236	Rothmans 'B' (aa)	420	-	-43	10.6	2.5	11.6

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ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL
0345 717373 (Linkline)

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gilt & Fixed	108.5	114.9●	..	10.44
Hi Inc Equity	149.4	158.9●	..	3.46
Worldwide Bd	180.4	197.9	..	5.05
American Gth	168.1	178.8	..	1.80
Asian Pacific	101.9	108.3	..	1.42
Assets & Earns	200.5	213.4	..	0.95
Capital Res	73.3	73.7	..	1.37
Comm Energy	183.9	195.6	..	..
Euro Capital	91.9	97.7	..	0.77
General	194.7	207.1	..	2.17
Japan	94.0	100.0●	..	..
UK Gth Inc	199.1	211.8●	..	1.33
Do Acc	291.7	310.3●	..	0.91
US Emerg Co	53.7	57.1●	..	0.00
Income Gth	320.9	341.3	..	2.28
Master Acc	89.7	95.4	..	2.20
American Inc	51.0	54.2	..	4.68
Ethical Tst	46.8	49.7	..	2.62

AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD
401, St. John Street London EC1V 4QE
01-837 6494

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Euro Gth Acc	134.2	142.9	..	1.34
Exempt	482.4	508.2	..	3.81
Far Eastern	269.1	287.8●	..	0.10
Fin & Prop	115.6	122.5	..	1.41
Hi Yield	90.8	96.2●	..	3.88
Income & Gth	373.3	395.4●	..	3.25
Int Earnings	238.7	253.9●	..	1.78
Int Growth Inc	120.7	128.5●	..	0.34
Japan Gth Acc	147.8	157.8	..	0.20
N Amer Gth Inc	148.3	158.5	..	0.45
Preference Inc	121.6	128.8●	..	9.75
Smi Co Div Inc	114.3	121.1	..	2.56
Smi Co Gth	435.0	460.8●	..	0.55
Spec Sits Inc	205.3	218.5	..	0.83
UK Growth	485.1	513.8●	..	2.11

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL
0793 28291 dealing:0793 610366

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
High Income	365.5	385.3●	..	3.68
Equity Inc	212.2	224.9	..	3.36
High Yield	210.4	223.0c	..	3.99
Balanced	514.9	545.8	..	2.50
Amer Inc	30.8	32.8	..	3.99
World Ass Val	30.2	32.2	..	0.75
Japan	146.0	155.5	..	0.01
Sec of Amer	220.7	235.0	..	0.42
Asset Value	368.5	388.5	..	1.98
O'seas Earn	267.0	283.0	..	1.98
Recovery	131.7	139.5●	..	1.83
UK Spec Sit	342.9	363.5●	..	1.50
Smir Co	239.2	253.6	..	1.65
Capital	314.2	333.1●	..	2.05

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Acc	£16.8009		..	..
Deposit	100.0		..	9.48

CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS
72/73,Basinghall St, London EC2V 5DP

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
S/C Spec Sit	85.5	90.5	..	0.50

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH
0800 373393

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Gth	24.3	25.8	..	0.00
Atlas Gth	23.6	25.0	..	0.30
Dragon Gth	33.0	35.0	..	0.00
Equity Hi Inc	70.4	74.5●	..	3.50
European Gth	32.8	34.8●	..	0.30
Gen Equity	64.0	67.8	..	1.40
G/F Interst Gth	30.4	32.0	..	6.40
Gilt & Fixed Inc	23.4	24.7●	..	9.30
Int Income Tst	26.3	27.9	..	4.50
Japan Gth	45.6	48.3	..	0.00
Pedigree Gth	37.6	39.8	..	1.50
Special Sits	49.8	52.7●	..	0.60

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK & Gen Inc	67.8	72.2	..	1.84
Do Acc	68.1	72.4	..	1.84
Income Inc	68.6	73.0●	..	2.31
Do Acc	69.7	74.2●	..	2.31
Worldwide Inc	58.3	62.4	..	0.86
Do Acc	58.4	62.5	..	0.86
Gamma Inc	49.0	52.1	..	0.68
Do Acc	49.0	52.1	..	0.68
Far East	..		..	..
Amer Gth	..		..	..
Euro Gth	..		..	..

COUNTY UT MANAGERS SEE NM BRITANNIA

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW
04862 5033

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Tst	133.1	141.6	..	0.71
Canadian Gth	22.0	23.4	..	1.50
European Tst	136.6	145.3	..	..
Growth Tst	334.8	356.2	..	2.40
High Income	393.0	418.1●	..	3.80
Int Tech Tst	142.8	151.7	..	..
Japanese Tst	221.7	235.8	..	..

CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Reigate, Surrey RH2 8BL
0737-242424

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
European Gth	65.4	69.6	..	1.20

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY
Callfree 0800 414161

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American	110.1	117.5	-6.7	0.63
Amer Eqty Inc	31.7	33.8	-1.9	4.09
Amer Spec Sit	50.4	54.0	-2.8	0.14
Australia	49.0	52.2●	-1.0	1.12
European	73.5	78.2●	-0.7	..
European Inc	24.3	26.0	-0.6	3.61
Global Conv	27.6	29.3●	..	4.17
Far East Inc	42.0	44.7	-0.5	3.02
Gt/Fxd Interest	26.4	28.4●	-0.1	10.80
Growth & Inc	148.2	155.3	-7.4	3.30
Japan Spec Sit	67.3	71.8	-0.8	..
Japan	169.1	179.4	-5.0	..
Man Interest	156.4	168.4	-7.0	0.27
Max Inc Eqty	136.2	143.9	-0.5	3.70
Famous Names	52.9	58.9	-0.6	1.90
SE Asia	60.0	63.9●	-1.2	0.12
Spec Sit	345.2	369.8	-1.9	0.33
Eastern Opps	23.6	25.1	-0.3	..

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ
01-628 5181

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer/Gen Inc	198.0	210.5	-14.0	..
Do Acc	203.3	215.1	-14.3	..
Amer Tem Inc	208.8	222.0	-14.7	1.03
Do Acc	217.6	230.2	-15.4	1.09
Capital Inc	334.7	354.1●	-25.1	1.51
Do Acc	412.2	436.1●	-30.9	1.51
Conv/Gilt Inc	111.9	118.4	-8.4	4.32
Do Acc	154.5	163.4	-11.8	4.32
European Inc	69.9	73.9	-3.8	0.80
Do Acc	70.2	74.2	-3.9	0.80
Extra Inc Inc	260.9	276.0	-19.5	3.29
Do Acc	290.4	307.3	-21.8	3.29
Financial Acc	52.7	55.7●	-2.9	0.84
Do Inc	52.4	55.5●	-2.9	0.84
Income Tst	185.1	195.8	-13.8	3.67
Do Acc	200.2	211.8	-15.0	3.67
Int Growth Inc	171.6	181.5●	-11.0	..
Do Acc	190.9	202.0●	-11.7	..
Japan/Gen Inc	125.5	132.8	-4.4	..
Do Acc	126.7	134.0	-4.6	..
Monthly Inc Fd	142.5	150.7●	-10.6	2.40
PEP 87	74.1	78.4	-5.6	1.77
Recovery	212.8	225.1	-15.0	0.89
Do Acc	232.5	246.0	-16.5	0.89

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH
Dealing:0722 411411 Admin:0722 411622

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity Dist	262.8	278.9	-33.3	2.23
Do Acc	447.1	474.6	-56.9	2.23
Euro Gth Dist	47.1	50.0	..	1.00
Do Acc	47.1	50.0	..	1.00

HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.
Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 261010

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Eqty Inc	64.4	68.5	..	4.25
Canadian Tst	57.3	60.8c	..	0.21
Equity Income	134.1	142.3	..	3.53
European Tst	110.0	116.7	..	0.79
High Income	99.8	105.7●	..	4.09
Int Sits Tst	83.4	88.5	..	0.34
Japan/F East	148.8	157.9●	..	0.01
Nth Amer Tst	68.5	72.7	..	0.56
Res & Assets	92.7	98.4	..	0.41
Scandinavian	101.4	107.5●	..	0.72
Smir Co	48.4	51.4●	..	1.01
UK New Gen	51.1	54.2	..	0.83

HENDERSON
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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Recov	104.0	111.3	..	0.50
Amer Smir Co	47.4	50.8●	..	0.00
Australian	133.3	143.5●	..	0.68
Batz of World	47.5	50.9	..	2.50
Cap Gth Inc	83.5	89.4●	..	1.80
Do Acc	97.4	104.3●	..	1.80
European	273.7	292.9●	..	0.71
Euro Inc Tst	43.6	46.7	..	4.84
Euro Smir Co	106.8	114.1●	..	0.14
Extra Income	288.3	308.4●	..	2.79
Financial Tst	253.9	270.2	..	1.38
Fxd Interest	51.8	54.9●	..	9.68
Gilt Tst	40.9	43.4	..	8.97
Global Health	88.4	94.2	..	0.00
Global Inc/Gth	71.4	76.0	..	3.57
Global Resrce	136.2	146.5	..	0.00
Global Tech	127.6	136.2	..	0.14
Gold	97.5	104.3	..	0.01
High Income	297.8	318.8	..	3.04
Hong Kong	96.5	103.8	..	0.40
Inc & Gth Inc	234.5	249.5	..	2.16
Do Acc	471.5	501.8	..	2.16
Income Asset	187.5	199.7●	..	2.84
International	205.8	219.0●	..	0.27
Jap Spec Sits	216.7	231.9●	..	0.00
Japan Tst	203.5	217.9	..	0.00
Nth American	141.7	151.7	..	0.49
Pacific Smi Co	110.7	118.5●	..	0.01
Pref & Gilt	54.4	57.9●	..	9.45
Recovery Tst	200.2	213.0●	..	0.86
Sing & Malay	50.0	53.5	..	0.14
Smr Co Div	208.2	221.5c	..	2.93
Spec Sits Inc	243.5	264.4●	..	0.71
Do Acc	352.2	374.7●	..	0.71
Worldwide	595.8	630.1●	..	1.14
Euro Expt	136.3	143.5●	..	1.52

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01-588 6983/4/5

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Equity Inc	41.0	43.2●	-1.8	4.11
Do Acc	42.3	44.6●	-1.8	..
UK Cap Gl	31.5	33.2	-0.9	0.76
Euro Tst Inc	27.9	29.7	-0.7	0.12

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gth Fd	213.9	227.8●	..	1.09
Income Fd	123.1	131.0●	..	3.00

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Sht Dtd Gilt Fd	73.5	75.0	..	0.00
US Govt Bd Fd	¢52.3	52.5	..	..
Challenger	50.5	51.2	..	0.60

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Cptw & Equity	80.6	85.7	-3.3	4.82
Income	101.0	107.4	-4.6	2.59
Gth	113.9	121.2●	-6.1	0.83
Prop Share	64.3	68.5	-4.7	1.40

The prices in this section refer to Monday's trading

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 3rd Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Tuesday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of February, May, August, November. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly. (41) Last Thursday of Stock Exchange account. (42) Last day of month. (43) 2nd and 4th Wednesday of month. (44) Quarterly. (45) 6th of month. (46) 2nd Tuesday of month.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down at 73.4 (day's range 73.8-73.4).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for October 20

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.6510-1.6705	1.6535-1.6545	0.27-0.24pr	0.54-0.49pr
Montrl	2.1752-2.1831	2.1752-2.1786	0.19-0.09pr	0.40-0.29pr
Amsterdm	3.3624-3.3716	3.3624-3.3669	1½-1¼pr	3¾-3½pr
Brussels	62.20-62.61	62.20-62.36	21-15pr	58-47pr
Copnhgn	11.4753-11.5833	11.4753-11.4988	¼-1ds	½-1½ds
Dublin	1.1146-1.1206	1.1153-1.1163	5-15ds	10-30ds
Frankft	2.9895-2.9993	2.9895-2.9938	1½-1¼pr	4-3¾pr
Lisbon	233.62-237.26	233.97-234.94	45-100ds	173-265ds
Madrid	194.37-198.25	194.37-194.82	30pr-8ds	11-81ds
Milan	2156.99-2168.68	2156.99-2161.80	1-5ds	10-15ds
Oslo	10.9379-11.0266	10.9379-10.9611	3¾-4¼ds	10-10½ds
Paris	9.9747-10.0212	9.9747-9.9973	1½-1¼pr	3¼-2¾pr
Stckhlm	10.5121-10.6077	10.5121-10.5350	¾-¼pr	1½-¾pr
Tokyo	237.93-238.41	238.02-238.41	1½-1¼pr	3¾-3½pr
Vienna	20.81-21.09	21.06-21.09	10¾-9½pr	29¾-27pr
Zurich	2.4811-2.4879	2.4811-2.4851	1½-1¼pr	3¾-3½pr

Premium = pr. Discounted = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	6.7426-6.7786
Australia dollar	2.3108-2.3139
Bahrain dinar	0.6275-0.6315
Brazil cruzado *	87.915-88.392
Cyprus pound	0.7880-0.7980
Finland marka	7.2000-7.2400
Greece drachma	229.25-231.25
Hong Kong dollar	12.9002-12.9098
India rupee	21.65-21.85
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4855-0.4895
Malaysia dollar	4.1808-4.1867
Mexico peso	26.75-27.25
New Zealand dollar	2.5580-2.5676
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.1800-6.2200
Singapore dollar	3.4535-3.4591
S Africa rand (fin)	5.7060-5.9080
S Africa rand (com)	3.3828-3.3918
U A E dirham	6.0525-6.0925

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank HOFEX

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4790-1.4820	Denmark	6.9525-6.9575	Italy	1306.0-1308.0
Singapore	2.0900-2.0920	W Germany	1.8093-1.8100	Belgium (Com)	37.60-37.70
Malaysia	2.5300-2.5320	Switzerland	1.5015-1.5025	Hong Kong	7.8065-7.8075
Australia	0.7146-0.7151	Netherlands	2.0350-2.0360	Portugal	142.90-143.90
Canada	1.3155-1.3170	France	6.0400-6.0450	Spain	177.50-177.70
Sweden	6.3750-6.3800	Japan	143.97-144.07	Austria	12.70-1273
Norway	6.6350-6.6400				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 10 Finance Hse 10½
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 10 Low 9 Week fixed: 9¾
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth – 9$^{21}/_{32}$ 3 mth – 9¾
Selling: 2 mth – 9$^{25}/_{32}$ 3 mth – 9¾
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mth: 9$^{23}/_{32}$-9$^{21}/_{32}$ 2 mth: 9¾-9$^{13}/_{16}$ 3 mth: 9¾-9$^{27}/_{32}$
6 mth 10$^{1}/_{16}$-9¾
Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mth: 10$^{11}/_{32}$ 2 mth: 10¾ 3 mth: 10½
6 mth 10$^{11}/_{16}$
Interbank (%). Overnight: open 9¾ close 8½
1 week: 9¾-9¾ 1 mth: 9¾-9¾ 3 mth: 10$^{3}/_{16}$-10½
6 mth: 10¾-10½ 9 mth: 10¾-10½ 12 mth: 10¾-10
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 9¼ 7 day: 9¾ 1 mth: 9$^{11}/_{16}$
3 mth: 10 6 mth: 10¼ 12 mth: 10½
Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mth: 10-9¾ 2 mth: 10$^{1}/_{16}$-9$^{13}/_{16}$ 3 mth: 10$^{3}/_{16}$-9¾
6 mth: 10$^{7}/_{16}$-10$^{3}/_{16}$ 9 mth: 10¾-10½ 12 mth: 10¾-10½
Sterling CDs (%)
1 mth: 9$^{27}/_{32}$-9$^{23}/_{32}$ 3 mth: 10$^{3}/_{16}$-10$^{1}/_{16}$ 6 mth: 10½-10¼
12 mth: 10¾-10½

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mth: 8.00-7.95 3 mth: 8.40-8.35 6 mth: 8.50-8.45
12 mth: 9.95-9.00

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar:	7¾-7⅝	7$^{13}/_{16}$-7$^{11}/_{16}$	8$^{5}/_{16}$-8$^{3}/_{16}$	8$^{5}/_{16}$-8$^{3}/_{16}$
Call: 7¾-6¾				
Deutschemark:	3¾-3⅝	3¾-3⅝	4¼-4⅛	4⅜-4¼
Call: 4-3				
French Franc:	7¾-7$^{9}/_{16}$	8-7$^{13}/_{16}$	9-8$^{13}/_{16}$	9⅛-8$^{15}/_{16}$
Call: 7½-6½				
Swiss Franc:	3¾-3⅝	3$^{5}/_{16}$-3$^{1}/_{16}$	4¼-4⅛	4$^{5}/_{16}$-4$^{3}/_{16}$
Call: 1½-½				
Yen:	3¾-3⅝	3¾-3⅝	4¼-4⅛	4¾-4⅝
Call: 3¾-2¾				

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: August 28, 1987. Agreed rates September 28, 1987 to October 25, 1987. Scheme I: 11.24 per cent. Schemes II & III: 11.31 per cent. Reference rate August 1, 1987 to August 28, 1987. Scheme IV: 10.037 per cent.

GOLD

BULLION:
Open: $476.50-478.50 Close: $465.00-467.00
High: $481.50-482.50 Low: $455.00-457.00

COINS: Per coin (*Ex VAT)
Britannia: $478.00-483.00 (£288.50-291.50)
Krugerrand*: $465.00-467.00 (£281.00-283.00)
Mapleleaf (/1oz): $478.00-483.00 (£288.50-291.50)
American Eagles: $478.00-483.00 (£288.50-291.50)
New Sovereigns*: $108.00-110.00 (£65.25-66.75)
Old Sovereigns*: $109.00-111.00 (£65.75-67.25)
Platinum: $596.50 (£357.40)
Palladium: $139.00 (£83.30)
Silver: $7.45-7.55 (£4.500-4.600)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
Three Month Sterling			Previous open interest 17265		
Dec 87	89.69	89.78	89.52	89.72	16492
Mar 88	89.58	89.75	89.55	89.72	1162
Jun 88	89.62	89.75	89.57	89.75	284
Sep 88	89.57	89.60	89.56	89.69	45
Dec 88	NT	—	—	89.66	0
Mar 89	NT	—	—	89.55	0
Three Month Eurodollar			Previous open interest 34417		
Dec 87	91.12	92.85	90.97	92.00	20177
Mar 88	90.96	92.50	90.86	91.80	4291
Jun 88	90.74	91.61	90.69	91.55	928
Sep 88	90.47	90.67	90.47	91.35	129
Dec 88	NT	—	—	91.20	0
Mar 89	NT	—	—	91.07	0

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
US Treasury Bond			Previous open interest 29105		
Dec 87	81-00	88-10	80-16	88-08	38050
Mar 88	80-16	83-00	80-16	82-14	6
Jun 88	NT	113-19	55388		
Mar 88	113-28	113-26	113-28	113-24	5
Jun 88	NT	—	—	—	0
Sep 88	NT	—	—	—	0
FT-SE 100			Previous open interest 7482		
Dec 87	175.00	197.50	138.00	178.00	11052
Mar 88	NT	—	—	182.50	0
Japanese Govt Bond			Previous open interest 715		
Dec 87	98.75	99.50	97.25	98.40	1071
Mar 88	NT	—	—	97.90	0

COMMODITIES

ICIS-LOR Group

The Crude market returned to levels seen at the end of last week, as no further military news emerged from the Arab Gulf. December Brent was at $18.80 at the London close. The heavier ends of the Products traded well on what became a volatile and frantic day.

CRUDE OILS/assessed ($/BBL FOB)		
Brent Phys	18.75	-35
15 day Nov	18.80	-40
15 day Dec	18.80	-40
WTI Nov	19.75	-55
WTI Dec	19.85	-55

PRODUCTS Buy/sell $/MT.
Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery

Prem Gas .15	-2	185-187	-1
Gasoil EEC	-5	171-173	-5
Non 2H Oct	-5	164-165	-5
Non 1H Nov	-6	165-166	-6
3.5 Fuel Oil	-4	102-103	-4
Naphta	-2	63-64	-3

BIFFEX
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)
Oct 87 Hi 1122-1100.5 Low Close 1120.5
Jan 88 Hi 1245-1199 Low Close 1243.0
Apr 88 Hi 1278-1248 Low Close 1278.0
Jul 88 1163-1140 Close 1163.0
Vol 462 lots Open interest 1549
Dry cargo index 1105.0 +7.5 on 19/10/87

GAS OIL G W Joynson

Nov	165.75-65.50
Dec	167.00-66.75
Jan	168.25-67.75
Feb	168.00-67.25
Mar	164.00-61.00
Apr	163.00-58.00
May	163.00-55.00
Jun	162.00-52.00
Jul	162.00-52.00
Vol	8240

HVY FUEL OIL Reuter
Nov unq.-103.0
Dec unq.
Vol 4

LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)

Mth	Open	Close
Nov	94.00	91.50
Feb	109.00	104.00
Mar	94.00	96.00
Apr	159.00	157.00
		Vol 706

LONDON FOX

COCOA G W Joynson
Dec 1166-165 Sep 1258-257
Mar 1199-198 Dec 1277-276
May 1220-219 Mar 1300-299
Jul 1239-238 Vol 4073

COFFEE G W Joynson
Nov 1312-310 Jul 1410-403
Jan 1340-339 Sep 1430-420
Mar 1363-362 Nov 1450-440
May 1388-385 Vol 3748

SUGAR C Czarnikow
FOB Vol: 6597
Dec 153.2-52.8 Mar 163.0-62.8
May 165.0-64.8 Aug 168.0-67.8
Oct 169.8-69.0 Dec 174.2-73.0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
WHEAT close (£/t) Vol 570
Nv 108.90 Ja 111.40 Mr 113.30
My 115.45 Jl 117.65 Sp 103.10
BARLEY close (£/t) Vol 287
Nv 102.90 Ja 105.80 Mr 107.85
My 109.35 Jl unq. Sp 99.25

SOYABEAN
Dec 131.0-30.0 Aug 127.0-25.5
Feb 133.0-32.0 Oct 128.0-26.0
Apr 133.0-32.0
Jun 128.0-26.5 Vol 201

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Official prices/volume previous day Rudolf Wolf

(£/tonne)	Cash	3 month	Vol	Tone
Copper Gde A	1050.0-1060.0	1023.0-1025.0	296100	Weak
Copper Stand	1030.0-1040.0	1015.0-1020.0	100	Idle
Lead	354.00-354.50	351.00-351.50	43100	Easy
Zinc Hi Gde	451.00-452.00	456.00-456.50	59625	Easier
Silver Large†	783.00-788.00	797.00-803.00	40	Idle
Silver Small†	783.00-788.00	797.00-803.00	Nil	Idle
Aluminium	1100.0-1102.0	1015.0-1020.0	257100	Weak
Aluminium HI*	1860.0-1870.0	1730.0-1750.0	12275	Idle
Nickel	3900-3910	3500-3600	11926	Easier

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES (/kg)

Live Pig Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Oct	98.50	98.50
Nov	100.70	100.30
Feb	95.50	95.50
Apr	97.80	97.30

Live Cattle Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Oct	94.70	94.70
Nov	98.00	98.00
Feb	unq.	unq.

Vol Pig-0 Cattle-0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Av'ge fatstock prices at representative markets on October 20

(/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB (p)	73.97	168.71	93.30
GB (+/–)	–2.14	–5.13	–0.45
Eng/Wal (%)	–4.6	–5.6	–10.3
Eng/Wal (p)	73.53	167.52	92.61
Eng/Wal (+/–)	–2.84	–5.91	+0.14
Scotland (%)	–5.3	+10.6	–38.2
Scotland (p)	76.10	183.95	95.85
Scotland (+/–)	+0.28	–1.56	–1.11

* Estimated dead carcase weight

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Applicants must be experienced in television studio direction and must show the organisational ability and leadership qualities required to motivate and lead a small production team. Ref: 501

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Applicants must be experienced in the operation of ¾" BVU and 1" C-format equipment, preferably in a broadcast environment. Some practical knowledge of editing systems is highly desirable. It will be necessary to demonstrate a good understanding of VTR engineering principles and practice. Ref: 509

STUDIO CAMERA OPERATORS

Applicants must be experienced in professional studio work and be able to operate with the minimum of direction. An ability to learn to operate keyboard driven picture storage systems is essential. Occasional OB work may also be involved. Ref: 511

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Applicants must be experienced in aligning and controlling professional 3 tube colour cameras to broadcast standards. Familiarity with the Marconi MK9 camera channel and Sony BVP 330 would be a distinct advantage. Some knowledge of studio lighting techniques is essential. REF: 510

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MEDIA & MARKETING

Why PR needs a policeman

OPINION

Alan Ogden

While the City struggles with the world stock market crash, a narrower but longer-term issue is occupying its public relations industry at a conference this week: should City PR firms be registered and regulated? And, if so, who should be the policeman?

City PR has emerged remarkably unscathed by the scandals that have befallen some of the other sectors, although the Department of Trade and Industry has investigated the occasional suspected malpractice, and the media took issue with the "dirty tricks" employed *against the Argyll Group* in the Distillers' bid.

True, the report by the CBI-City working party deplored the practice of information being "leaked" to the financial press to stimulate interest in a company's share price or to gain favourable press comment in advance of a bid. But the Press has been and always will be an important opinion-former, and that will continue with or without PR companies.

Financial PR is already regulated to a large degree by having to follow the regulations of the Stock Exchange Yellow Book and the takeover code. What can be said, and when, is fairly closely controlled.

Most financial PR consultancies lay down stringent rules about dealing in clients' shares. The City and the financial working group of the Institute of Public Relations has been instrumental in drawing these up. In my own company, if anyone were to own, let alone deal in, a customer's shares, he would be dismissed.

So, given that rules and regulations already exist, which is the best authority to enforce them? The natural choice is the Stock Exchange, which has the mandate to distribute price-sensitive news and to monitor dealings in shares. If news is incorrectly or illegally disseminated, the Stock Exchange has the simple sanction of refusing information from that firm or indeed forbidding dealings in the securities of a quoted company which insists on continuing to employ the miscreant.

Without authorized access to the Stock Exchange, a financial PR firm is effectively out of business. Likewise the Takeover Panel can come down hard on "dirty tricks" and pre-bid leaks.

The question of who is to check on share dealings is more subjective and difficult. Should a PR company observe the normal rules of employee shareholders, remaining free to buy and sell outside the "purdah" period of results? I believe this is too lenient, since PR consultants are invariably within the "need to know" bracket of senior management and they are there on trust.

My company has its own compliance officer whose prime responsibility is to ensure that the content of financial advertisements and the distribution of price sensitive news are executed in a proper fashion. We would not object if either the Securities and Investment Board or a government department asked him to monitor the investment porfolios of our employees against our client list.

In an increasingly competitive environment, not just in the UK but in other world financial centres, financial PR is playing an important role in helping clients communicate to the capital markets and the opinion formers who move these markets. *Given the sensitivity of* the tasks involved, it is right that PR consultancies adopt a responsible and professional stance and that they are not immune from the rule book. But while the industry itself may raise these issues, the existing statutory authorities must enforce the rules.

Alan Ogden is managing director of Charles Barker City. The UK's oldest financial PR firm.

From the horse's mouth

No one knows newspapers, television or advertising better than one of the new breed of media investment analysts.

Andrew Lycett meets the financial market's champion tipsters

Over the past half dozen years media shares such as Saatchi and Saatchi, London Weekend Television and Reed International have become some of the most attractive on the stock exchange. Fund managers have demanded a sprinkling of these companies in their portfolios and and City brokers and institutions have had to employ a new generation of media analysts to run their slide rules and cursors over them.

Now the performance of the media analysts themselves is coming under scrutiny. Last week Extel Financial published its latest "Ranking of UK Investment Analysts"; 230 city fund managers marked the analysts for such skills as depth of knowledge, quality of written material and accuracy of earnings forecasts. In the three categories which cover the media — agencies (including advertising and marketing), leisure (including television) and printing and publishing — one company, stockbroker James Capel, made a remarkable clean sweep, winning all three.

Capel's investment gurus share the fifth floor of its custom-built new building off Bishopsgate with its share salesmen. Their desks are strewn with papers and research aids — photocopies of *Campaign*, specialist magazines and, of course, the ubiquitous dealing screens. Through familiarity with their areas of expertise, supplemented with regular visits to the companies involved, their main job is telling their salesmen which shares to recommend to fund managers and other clients. "We provide the ammunition for the salesmen to load the gun," says Neil Blackley, who analyses the agencies with his colleague Richard Dale.

Reacting to black week: (left to right) media analysts Richard Dale, Richard Taverner, Neil Blackley, Neil Gregory and Max Dolding

> **'It's a matter of getting under a company's skin by looking at it from different angles'**

The analysts also have a subsidiary role digging up information on the companies James Capel brings to the market advises on mergers and acquisitions. Later today Blackley boards a plane for New York on a sleuthing mission in this capacity. He needs more details about a couple of companies which are acquisition targets for an agency handled by Capel. (For obvious reasons he can't say which at this stage). He is particularly interested in management quality. "It's a matter of getting under a company's skin by looking at it from all sorts of different angles," he says.

Dale has a different way of putting it. "We try to distinquish between the good, the bad and the ugly." He and Blackley make an interesting pair. Blackley, aged 32, is tall, courteous, laconic. After working in fund management for an institution, he joined James Capel, initially to watch small companies. In 1983 he became the first analyst in the city to cover agencies full time. Now all brokers have been forced to follow suit. "At that time there was simply no agencies sector," he says. "It was capitalized at just £150 million. People thought we were crazy. Now its market capitalization is over £7 billion."

Dale, aged 24, is smaller, brasher. Last Friday, while the weather kept many rivals at home, he was in the West End lunching with Darryl Phillips, the successful South African who seems about to turn acquisitive in Britain. "I was trying to find out who he has in his sights." And was he successful? "Phillips wasn't telling. When the time comes for him to move, he will want to talk to the institutions. They will want advice. We'll be ahead of the game."

If Blackley, Dale or another analyst has something interesting to report from a meeting, or if there is new information, such as a company's results, *he stands at the* microphone at the daily 8am conference in James Capel's vast dealing room and tells the assembled 60-odd salesmen. Recently Blackley has been recommending Saatchi — and still does this week. He says it is "grossly undervalued, a great opportunity".

Max Dolding, who heads the three man leisure team (with Richard Taverner and Nick Gregory), says television companies have experienced a similar rise to market prominence. "When I started looking at them 10 years ago, nobody was interested. Then I was talking to specialist fund managers. Now everyone wants them. A company like Thames is much more dealable, much more acceptable." He is particularly enthusiastic about HTV, which he says has been shunned, despite good results. Printing and publishing guru Tony Pennie *(who won his category with* Terry Connor) applauds the trend of companies like Reed International to divest their printing from their publishing interests. "It took a time for the market to realise that Reed is a publishing company rather than a conglomerate." Despite this week's crisis he says publishing companies should remain attractive targets for investors because they provide an excellent means of cash generation. Other trends he notes include moves towards globalization (as epitomized by News International). Reed, United Newspapers and Norton Opax remain firm favourites.

However, as Blackley, notes: "Eighty per cent of what we do in a day is unpredictable. We're reacting to events". And he has had to do a large amount of reacting over the last few days.

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Jobs at risk at the BBC?

Expansion without dearer licence fees means drastic cuts to remain solvent

At nine o'clock this morning BBC director-general Michael Checkland will unveil his first five-year plan for the BBC to representatives of the Broadcasting and Entertainment Trades Alliance. Immediately afterwards he will go on internal television to tell the rest of the corporation's staff what is in store for them.

The plans have been prepared in conditions of great secrecy. At the end of a day-long meeting of radio executives in Sussex last week, the participants' papers were collected and sealed in envelopes.

Perhaps as a result, many staff, like *BETA's assistant* general secretary ddy Leech, fear the worst. "I see it as almost inevitable that there will be job losses," said Leech. "The question is simply to what extent these can be accommodated by natural wastage and voluntary redundancies."

The BBC, at the Government's behest, is now committed to a radical increase in the number of programmes produced by independent producers. BBC TV's director of programmes, Michael Grade, predicts that by 1990 some 600 hours a year (or 12 per cent of total output) will be made by independents. In order to free cash to pay for them, cuts will have to be made in BBC staff.

The BBC is also having to work within a reduced budget for the next three years following the Government's decision to peg increases in the television licence fee to the *rate of inflation*. The financial outlook improved slightly over the summer with the discovery that the Post Office had raised more than expected from the licence fee, but the BBC can still not afford to let costs rise at more than 2 per cent a year.

Financial discipline has improved. "Zero-budgeting" has been introduced and department heads now have to make a case for every item of proposed expenditure, instead of increasing last year's budget in line with inflation.

But there is still considerable pressure to increase spending. Only last month *Checkland announced seven* new BBC local radio stations to be built by 1990, and deputy director-general John Birt is committed to increasing the budgets of flagship programmes like *Newsnight*, and to bringing radio and television news and current affairs together in a new building at White City.

Something, somewhere, is going to have to be cut if the BBC is to remain solvent.

Nick Higham

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Frees choice

Giveaways are booming – and, it seems, improving

Editorial excellence is not normally associated with the pages of free newspapers and magazines. But try telling them that. During a three-day conference in Harrogate last week, 612 free newspapers and 116 "courtesy" magazines vied for all manner of trophies to show just how good they are.

Among the massed newspaper mastheads were *The Hinckley and Bosworth Trader* ("Best advertising feature with editorial"). *The Richmond and Twickenham Informer* and even *The Banbury Cake*.

The South Oxfordshire Guardian was voted Free Newspaper of the Year. Fred Plester, police sergeant turned freelance reporter, won £150 and a trophy as "Free Journalist of the Year" for his work with *Bedfordshire on Sunday*.

The number and names of the various awards was quite bewildering. But is there really anything that can be regarded as excellent in the editorial of the frees? Tony Loynes, editor of *UK Press Gazette*, the journalist's trade magazine, was a judge in the newspaper section.

"I was also a judge last year, and the standard is definitely improving," he said. "There is still a great deal of shoddy journalism, but I think more are taking care with the editorial side."

The Harrogate conference was organized by the Association of Free Newspapers (AFN) and its sister organization, The Association of Free Newspapers and Periodicals.

Ian Locks is AFN's executive director. He says that in 1976 there were only 169 free newspapers. Today there are at least 900, and in the same period the number of magazines has shot up from 36 to 403. Between them, they rake in more than £400 million in advertising.

Ian MacGill

Will this soap wash?

Citizens of the future: the principal players in Radio 4's new drama serial, aiming to capture an elusive audience

With uncharacteristic razzmatazz, Radio 4 next week launches *Citizens*, its first new drama "soap" for more than 20 years.

Nigel Andrew calculates its chances

A new radio programme is like a cigar, says David Hatch, managing director of BBC Radio. "If it's a failure, no amount of puffing will make it any good. If it's a success, everyone wants to try it."

A deal of puffing is being devoted to Radio 4's grand new venture, *Citizens*, which begins on Tuesday. This is the first year-round radio drama serial to be launched in more than 20 years, and from the razzmatazz surrounding it, you could be forgiven for thinking the whole future of Radio 4 was riding on its success.

In terms of radio publicity, *Citizens* is huge. Last week's launch at Euston Station was, by radio standards, positively glitzy. Flashlights flashed, television crews prowled, the *Citizens* signature tune blared, and both the chairman of the BBC and his deputy graced the occasion. Stars from *EastEnders* and *The Archers* greeted the *Citizens* cast as they arrived by chartered train.

What was it all about? Marilyn Imrie, the editor of *Citizens*, had chosen Euston as the location because this was going to be a "travelling serial". Unlike most "soaps", *Citizens* is going to be based on characters, not locations. It will follow its characters around – not just in London, where the principals share a house in "Ditcham Heath, SW21", but back to their families in Liverpool, Birmingham, Norwich and Kilmarnock.

The careful geography – the five young principals even met at Leicester University, bang in the middle of the country – and characterization are producing advance labels like "designer soap" and "a yuppie *Archers*". The owner of the run-down Ditcham Heath house is Alex, the single mother of a three-month-old baby. Her friends, now tenants, are Anita, an Asian doctor, Julia and Michael, twins from Liverpool, and Hugh from Kilmarnock. Alex works in an arts centre. Julia is an ambitious trainee in a department store. Michael is unemployed – and some kind of born-again Christian. Hugh is working for a merchant bank.

It looks very much like the sort of set-up designed to cover all options, catering for every quirk of its target audience. And that audience is certainly not in the Radio 4 tradition – middle-aged, middle class and south-eastern – but the network's "lost generation", the under-30s.

"We want to enlarge our audience," says John Tydeman, head of radio drama, "and research tells us that there's a part of the audience we simply aren't attracting – largely a younger audience." Radio 4 has been determinedly courting this market sector for the last decade, with patchy success. *Loose Ends* has made inroads, and some radio comedy, and even *The Archers*. But there is a lot further to go in the quest for this particular BBC grail, and Radio 4 is not alone in chasing that adman's cliché, the "yuppie audience".

Tony Quinn, who is Marilyn Imrie's partner in producing *Citizens*, is confident that "young people *can* listen to Radio 4". Research suggests that "a staggering proportion of the radio audience is available" at the times *Citizens* is being broadcast – 11.02am on Tuesdays and Thursdays (which would suggest unemployed youth rather than yuppies) and 6.25pm on Saturdays.

"The characters are going to sound like people you know," says Imrie. She places *Citizens* firmly in the "amazingly strong radio tradition of people-based plays", and has great faith in the audience's commitment to that tradition. In fact *Citizens* is going to have a lot more in common with the conventional radio drama of single plays than with, say, *The Archers*. Each week's two episodes will add up to something very like a self-contained play, and *Citizens* will "get inside the characters' heads", rather than inside the local pub or the corner shop. All of which suggests a product for which the market niche has perhaps yet to be created.

A great deal of research has gone into the creation of *Citizens*. Imrie and Quinn have been travelling the country for six months, determined to get the precise flavour of their various locations. They toured south London estate agents to find just the right house for their five young sharers, and they photographed it from top to bottom and drew plans, and sent them all to the writers.

Citizens is certainly not going to fail for want of hard work and commitment – nor of talent. Imrie's track record as a drama producer for BBC Scotland is impressive, and the three writers of the opening episodes – Leigh Jackson, Marcia Kahan and Charlotte Keatley – all have excellent work (and awards) to their name. Jackson is an established radio dramatist and, at present, script editor for *Grange Hill*; Kahan won a Perrier award at the Edinburgh fringe last year, and has had a couple of memorably good plays on Radio 4, and Keatley wrote the stage play *My Mother Said that I Never Should* (soon to be heard on Radio 4) and is this year's winner of the George Devine award for the most promising new playwright.

But it is still hard to imagine what *Citizens* is actually going to be like – despite the relentless trailing on Radio 4. The producers are keeping everybody guessing by releasing no publicity cassettes in advance of broadcast. A programme so different and so complex in form is going to take some weeks to establish itself. And it will be a lot longer before Radio 4 knows whether it has a winner on its hands, or whether that elusive "youth audience" has given it the slip again. Many fingers will be crossed at Broadcasting House when the first episode goes out next Tuesday.

BYLINES

Juggling with figures

Just how deep is Owen Oyston's pocket? And how long can he go on subsidizing the *News on Sunday*? The flamboyant mogul who now controls the paper and was until recently chairman of Lancashire's Red Rose Radio was thought to have received £30 million when he sold his chain of estate agents to Royal Insurance last year. But the true figure is reported to be much less: around £10 million (taxable) in cash, plus a further £10 million tied up for the time being in Royal shares. What is more, other members of the Oyston family, who had stakes in the estate agency, may have claims on the money.

This has not prevented Oyston from pursuing an ambitious programme of investment. He has so far put more than £1.5 million into the struggling *News on Sunday*, £1.4 million into Capital Radio, and an undisclosed sum into 48 per cent of Blackpool FC, which has debts of £600,000 and stands that have been condemned by Lancashire County Council.

He is also chairman of two cable television channels which will each require around £30 million investment before they are up and running. Oyston himself was said to be abroad this week and unavailable for comment, but last weekend he bet £15,000 with William Hillat 20-1 on Blackpool winning promotion next season: he may well need the proceeds.

Camera cases

National newspaper editors are to be asked to chip in £1,000 apiece ("no more than expenses on a short foreign trip") to fund a European court case in defence of Press freedom. Tim Crook, Old Bailey correspondent for LBC and a noted campaigner in the field, wants to challenge judges' right to hold entire cases in camera. He has already persuaded the Government, in a similar case, to reform the Contempt of Court Act to give journalists a right to judicial review when judges impose a reporting ban, but he lacks the cash to fight another case unaided.

Talking head

Fleet Street's royal watchers are still agog after TV-am's scoop interview with the Queen last week, when reporter Adam Boulton thrust a microphone under her nose for an impromptu interview. Regulars on the royal beat like the *Mirror's* James Whitaker and the *Sun's* Harry Arnold are adamant that only an outsider like Boulton could have got away with it. The Queen probably didn't mind, they say, but the Palace certainly did, and if any regular had tried it he would never have received any help from the Palace again. Anyway, says Whitaker, he once had an exclusive interview of his own: "She said: 'Why don't you leave me alone?' "

Drug bust

An embarrassing gaffe – his second this year – by the *New York Times Magazine* has brought retribution on its editor Edward Klein. He resigned "by mutual agreement" with the managing editor Max Frankel on Sunday. His departure is being seen as the price for the publication last July of a two-page colour spread of a dramatic drug busting operation in Miami as an illustration to a feature on that city. The picture was in fact a four-year-old staged shot for an advertisement by a defence equipment manufacturer. Klein had been editor of the colour weekly since 1977.

Briefly...

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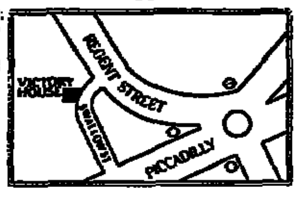

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Duties will involve providing a full secretarial support role, dealing with confidential information and helping staff with their enquiries.

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Office Manager, AKA Ltd.,
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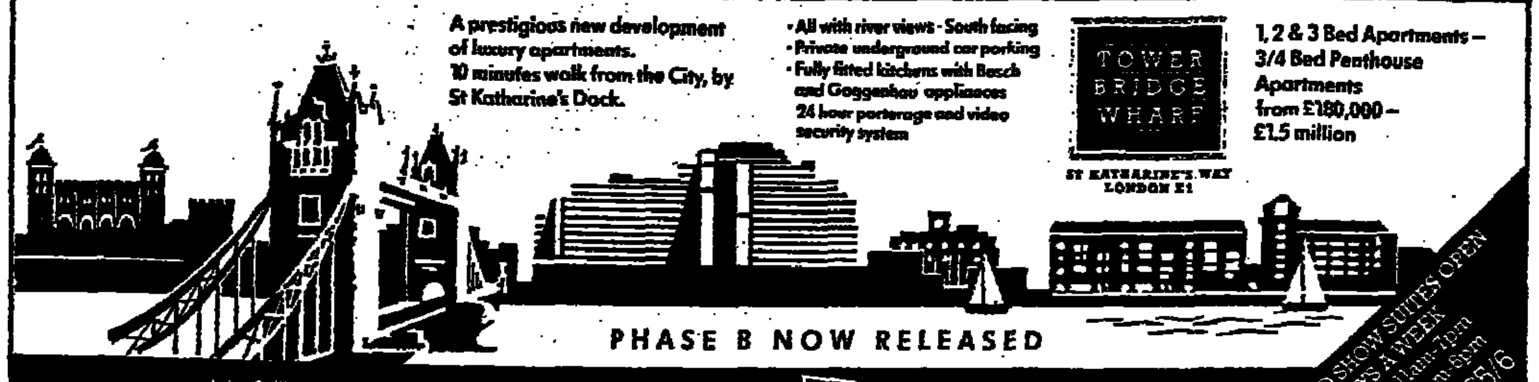

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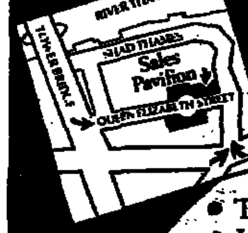

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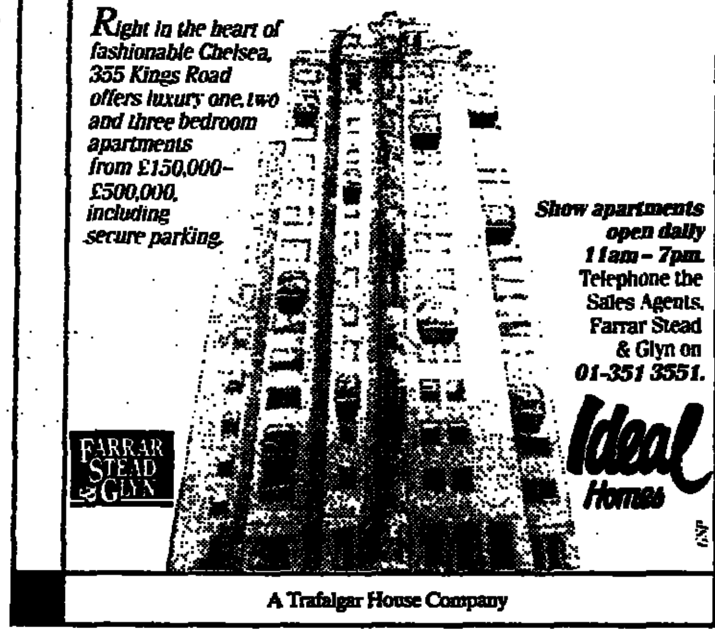

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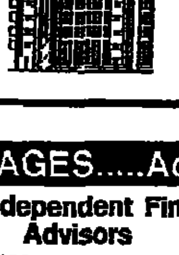

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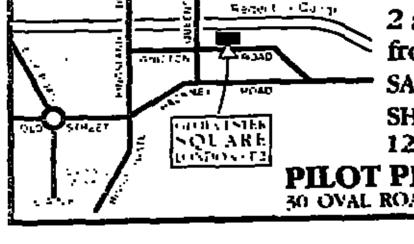

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By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

Prices of three-bedroom detached cottages in Norfolk have increased on average by 22 per cent in six months, and now cost £70,000 to £95,000, says Savills' guide to country property buyers.

In north Suffolk the increase is about 9 per cent to £80,000-£100,000, while for the larger house of five or six bedrooms in up to five acres, both areas show an increase of about 26 per cent (£180,000-£225,000 in Norfolk and £220,000-£260,000 in north Suffolk). For the large country house of up to 10 bedrooms and 20 acres, the increase since the spring has been about 25 per cent in both areas, with a figure now of £350,000-plus.

The Halifax Building Society's latest national survey shows that East Anglia generally has the fastest rising house prices. The annual increase is 26.7 per cent, compared with the 23 per cent in Greater London and the South-East.

All these statistics show that East Anglia – and the further part at that – is the next area to be subjected to colonization. Of course, part of the increase is based on the well-being of the area itself, notably Norwich, as it is still too far to be a regular commuting base.

Earlier this year *Country Life* demonstrated the point when, in association

Commuter would have to catch the 6am train

with Knight Frank & Rutley, it listed the best train communications from East Anglia in its guide to buying a country house. It showed that while Ipswich and Cambridge, at around one hour, were well within commuter tolerance, Norwich and King's Lynn, with train times of more than two hours, were just too far. A commuter would have to catch a train at around 6am to be in the London office at the same time as the opposition.

Even that is changing now with the prospect of considerably quicker trains – and there also appears to be a growing band of people prepared to travel for two hours or more each way every day as long as they can live in the country.

Savills reports that prices for houses close to central Norwich have now broken through the £250,000 barrier.

Riverside attraction: The Old Maltings, just seven miles from Norwich

Although large country houses have for a while fetched at least double the price of prime city houses, it is apparent that proximity to Norwich has its attractions. A few months ago, big value properties costing £100,000 within the city centre were a rarity, says Savills, but with increased business and commercial moves in the area they are becoming more commonplace.

Jeremy Carlson, Savills' residential director in Norwich, says an unprecedented demand has pushed up prices, and he illustrates the trend with a traditional Victorian five-bedroom family house in one acre, and a few minutes' walk from the city centre, which is under offer at more than £250,000.

A similar price is likely for a substantial architect-designed executive town house with two main reception rooms and seven bedrooms. Mr Carlson explains: "It is a classic example of the type of property being sought by young professionals, often with families, moving into the area and wanting to be near the centre."

Norwich is also undergoing a change in demand for flats and apartments – not of a traditional design, but more akin to the London Docklands phenomenon of converted breweries and warehouses. Mr Carlson says: "Suddenly it has become trendy to live in an old converted fatory or warehouse. The situation of professionals, many of them single, moving into the city to work and wanting to live a short distance away from the office, has created this strong demand for high-density developments. There are no new houses as such in the centre, but just flats and apartments."

Savills has recently sold a self-contained apartment with studio penthouse, once part of the former Bullard Brewery bottling plant, for about £120,000. This unit, part of a Grade II listed building, is on three floors. After the reception hall, there are a first-floor apartment with two bedrooms and two reception rooms, and, on the second and third floors, a balcony terrace and an open-plan studio.

The agents are also offering The Old Maltings in Broadland, seven miles from

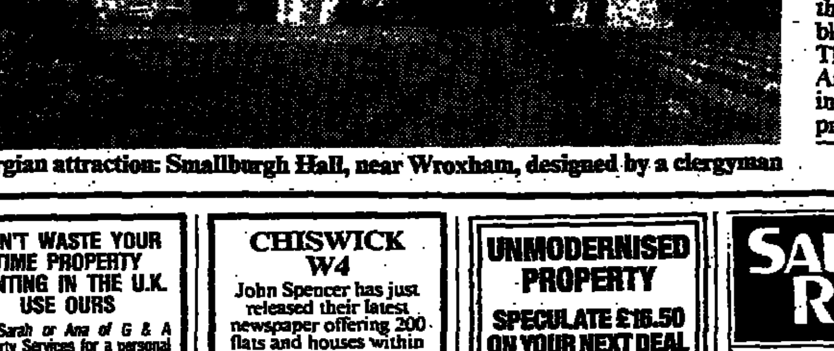
Conversion with original materials

Norwich, in the Coltinshall conservation area and converted from the old barley maltings in 1933 by craftsmen using many of the original materials. The cottages, part of The Old Maltings and included in the sale, are Grade II listed and are about 200 years old.

The main house has two reception rooms and three bedrooms, and there is a 160ft frontage to the River Bure in the gardens of a third of an acre. There are three cottages, of one, two and three bedrooms, of which the last is at present tenanted. The agents want offers of more than £350,000.

About 13 miles from Norwich is Smallburgh Hall, near Wroxham. The Georgian house, built in 1820, was designed by the Rev William Gunn, who is believed to have designed a couple more country houses. The eight-bedroom grey-brick house has remained virtually unaltered from the outside, although inside it now has a heated swimming pool.

The 45ft drawing room has two marble Adam mantelpieces and five sets of Georgian sash windows almost to ground level. The house stands in more than seven acres, which include a stable block, a staff cottage and greenhouses. The price is around £400,000. East Anglia may be changing as demand increases but the country houses still provide the greatest attraction.



Georgian attraction: Smallburgh Hall, near Wroxham, designed by a clergyman

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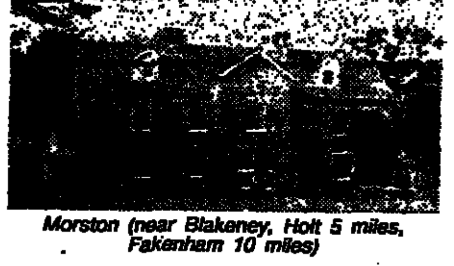

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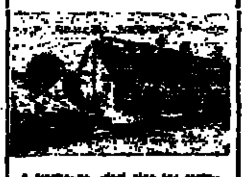

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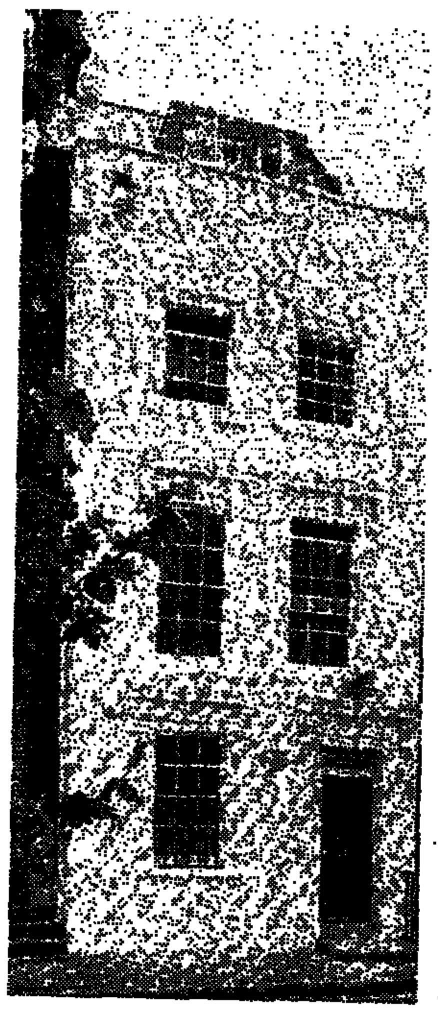

Houseful of history: Cardinal's Wharf, on the Thames, valued at £1 million

From Cardinal's Wharf on London's south bank, between Blackfriars and Southwark Bridges, you look across the Thames exactly opposite the dome of St Paul's Cathedral.

It is a marvellous view, enhanced by the floodlighting of the Cathedral and tempered by the presence of a huge building crane to one side.

Without the crane, it is the view observed by Sir Christopher Wren as he sat in the house, then The Cardinal's Hat tavern, and watched St Paul's Cathedral under construction, making sure all the proportions were right.

The tavern is said to have been given the name in 1482 when Cardinal Beaufort, Bishop of Winchester, returned from Rome with his new cardinal's hat and landed at the river steps outside. A plaque on the front of the house also records the visit in 1502 of Catherine of Aragon as she arrived there on her way to marry Henry VIII's brother, Prince Arthur.

Edward Alleyn, actor and friend of Shakespeare, wrote in his diaries that "a man eats at the Cardinal's Hat the best food on the South Bank", though what choice there was is not recorded. But it stands close to the site of the Globe Theatre, where Sam Wanamaker's recreation is to be built, and thus the association with Shakespeare himself is all but proved.

The property has been a private house for 200 years and has been owned for the last 17 of them by Guy Munthe, who bought it in a derelict state after squatters had used it for some time.

Mr Munthe has painstakingly restored the house to retain its original appearance. He invariably heats it with log fires and lights it with candles so that it assumes the atmosphere of yesteryear.

The house has many fine features, including oak panelling and flooring, open fireplaces and ornate mantels. It is on five floors, with a reception hall, a drawing room, a dining room, a library, two bedrooms and a basement. Here Mr Munthe keeps a somewhat eccentric collection of skulls, the mummified body of, possibly, an Elizabethan cat, and a shrunken head.

On the top floor there is a self-contained staff flat with a roof terrace. It is occupied at present by Alan Parkes, who is described as a butler, but is more a gentleman's gentleman as Jeeves was — and all those who say Jeeves was a butler are wrong.

Mr Parkes has been looking after Mr Munthe, and the house, for four years, and comes with the property if the new owner wishes.

The house has a walled garden at the back, overlooked only by the looming shape of the Bankside power station, while its windows look over the Thames, combining privacy with a wonderful view. The proposed new Globe Theatre and museum next to it have been designed to ensure the house's privacy.

Stephan Miles-Brown, of Knight Frank & Rutley, says: "Cardinal's Wharf is an ideal gentleman's residence, complete with butler and therefore perfect for entertaining. It will immeditely appeal to someone with taste and a keen interest in English history."

It is likely that if a private individual does not buy it, the house could be bought by a company for entertaining. Such a property is difficult to value, and the agents are looking for offers around £1 million.

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ON THE MARKET

For sale, with one owl thrown in

■ The Glebe Barn at St Ive, near Liskeard in south-east Cornwall, is to be sold. But it already has a resident, who will stay on — an owl. In granting planning permission the local council has advised that the building "is currently occupied by an owl, and they would be prepared to include a RSPB nest box as part of the renovation works".

The barn, close to St Ive rectory, is in a rural setting, and a scheme has been proposed for its conversion to provide a house with two reception rooms and four bedrooms. It stands in more than an acre, and it is to be auctioned at Liskeard on October 27 by Stratton and Holborow.

■ The Old Forge at Combe Florey, one of the most sought-after villages around Taunton, Somerset, is a listed former medieval hall house from the late 1300s. A first floor was added in Tudor times, and in the past few years the property it has been carefully restored. It has three reception rooms and four bedrooms, and the grounds of more than an acre include a substantial sandstone barn, which has planning consent for conversion into a three-bedroom house. Humbers and Ridson Tarr and Morle, of Dunster, are seeking offers around £225,00.

■ Mytchett Place, at Mytchett, near Farnborough, Surrey, dates from about 1780, with 19th-century additions, and remained in private ownership until it was purhcased by the War Department in 1912. Since then it has had various uses.

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■ Ivy House, at Longcot, near Faringdon, Oxfordshire, stands on the edge of the village with grand views of White Horse Hill. The house, originally a farmhouse, dates from 1720 and has three reception rooms and six bedrooms. The gardens of half an acre also include useful outbuildings. Although Ivy House is in a rural position, it is only 20 minutes' drive from Swindon station. Dreweatt Neate's rural homes department at Swindon is seeking offers around £225,000.

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GOLF: THE LITTLE BIG MAN WHO IS ANYTHING BUT WOOZY

How the sleeping giant in Woosnam woke up

By Mitchell Platts
Golf Correspondent

The rise and rise of little Ian Woosnam can be traced to the practice ground at Port Harcourt. There, in 1982, in the searing heat of Nigeria, ironically known as the "Giant of West Africa", the 5ft 4½in Welshman took a decision that would transform his life.

"I was practising for a pro-am prior to the Nigerian Open," Woosnam recalls. "I was hitting the ball as straight as an arrow. I must have looked one of the best. But I saw other guys hitting it all over the place who I knew always beat me on the golf course. I realized then I had become too serious. I was mesmerized by chasing perfection and I had forgotten how to go on to the course and enjoy myself.

"I decided that for the next few weeks on the Safari circuit I would enjoy every minute. If I made a few bogeys then I vowed not to let them twist my mind. I realized I had been a fool and that it was time to accept the good with the bad. I convinced myself then that I would make a name for myself."

The initial result of that wise self-counselling has been lost in the sands of time. In fact, Woosnam, whose official winnings in Europe the previous year had amounted to the princely sum of £1,884, returned home with a king's ransom. He had earned more than £25,000 with a series of high finishes that included being beaten by David Jagger only after a play-off for the Nigerian Open.

What Woosnam has never forgotten is the importance of extracting every ounce of pleasure from the game. It is why he is today the most exciting player on the fairways. Powered by a fearless courage, he can transfix a gallery in a manner that his contemporaries cannot hope to emulate.

Nick Faldo deservedly won the Open Championship; Greg Norman and Severiano Ballesteros remain the best two players in the world even if they might find difficulty proving that on the strength of their 1987 records: Woosnam, however, is probably the player of the year and is certainly the people's choice.

Even so, he was on the threshold of being lost to the circuit before his change of heart in Nigeria. Woosnam had applied to go on a training course at the PGA School to have the right credentials for being a club professional. He was thinking of security for his wife, Glendryth, then a nurse, whom he had met at secondary school.

Glendryth's support bolstered Woosnam in his darkest hours. He had inherited a fighting spirit from his father, who farmed at St Martin's, where Shropshire meets the Welsh borders. "My dad has a fantastic competitive spirit," Woosnam said. "I got a lot of physical strength from driving a tractor around the farm but much of my mental strength comes from him."

He needed every ounce of reserve because at times the proud Welshman had to eat, sleep and even dry his clothes in an old caravanette. "I lived on baked beans, crisps and soup," he recalls. "It was awful."

Yet he was doing what he wanted, which in itself was a minor miracle. For Woosnam had been compelled to go to the European tour qualifying school three times for his playing privileges. To keep playing then he worked either behind the bar or as a greenkeeper at the Hill Valley club, near Whitchurch, in return for free use of the practice facilities.

It must have been galling. Sandy Lyle, with whom he grew up playing junior golf for Shropshire, had already launched his meteoric professional career. Meanwhile, "Woosie" struggled on the breadline. "At times I'll confess it seemed that I was bashing my head against a wall," he said.

By 1982 he had pushed Greg Norman all the way in the Benson and Hedges International. Seven days later he won the Swiss Open. With that he left behind his past and aimed to reach the peak of his profession.

Six other titles followed in the intervening years before 1987 became a watershed. He followed a first British win in the Hong Kong Open by winning four times in Europe on the way to finishing No. 1 for the first time in the Order of Merit. Then came his Suntory World Match Play Championship win over the luckless Lyle on Monday, which took his earnings for this year to around £500,000.

Money, however, is now only of secondary importance. He lives in a five-bedroomed Edwardian house in Oswestry with his wife and their son, Daniel, and he still enjoys a pint with his pals at the local. He has not been spoilt by success. Now Woosnam wants to put his game to the test in the United States.

"I've cracked the long game, but I need to be sharper on and around the greens," he said. "I will play as much as I can in America. It means waiting for invitations, though I'm allowed five to begin with. If I make enough money, which will mean around about $50,000, then I could get some other invitations."

1987 TOURNAMENT RECORD

Tournament	Position	Winnings (£)
Australian Masters	10th	3,064.00
Victorian Open	8th	1,419.00
Hong Kong Open	1st	16,129.00
Moroccan Open	5th	5,950.00
Jersey Open	1st	16,160.00
Suze Open	2nd	16,992.86
Cepsa Madrid Open	1st	27,500.00
Epson Grand Prix	17th	3,000.00
Peugeot Spanish Open	14th	2,511.67
Whyte and Mackay PGA	15th	3,030.00
Dunhill British Masters	2nd	21,117.00
Peugeot French Open	15th	3,468.21
Volvo Belgian Open	2nd	11,183.33
Carrolls Irish Open	3rd	12,099.17
Bell's Scottish Open	1st	33,330.00
Open Championship	8th	18,666.67
KLM Dutch Open	MC	—
Scandinavian Open	7th	5,314.01
US PGA Championship	MC	—
Benson and Hedges International	14th	2,820.00
Lawrence Batley International	18th	1,704.00
European Masters	MC	—
European Open	5th	9,320.00
Lancôme Trophy	1st	50,000.00
German Masters	5th	9,550.18
Suntory World Matchplay	1st	75,000.00
	Total	£349,329.10

● MC: Missed cut.

Competitors are facing damp start

The competitors in the £20,000 Golf Plus Professional Golfers' Association four-ball championship, scheduled to start at the John O'Gaunt club in Bedfordshire today, may find their breaststroke of more use than their putting stroke (Patricia Davies writes). So much rain fell yesterday that at one time both courses, the John O'Gaunt and the Carthagena, already wet after the summer, were unplayable.

Despite the deluge, intrepid couples like John Garner, the former Ryder Cup player and David Huish, last year's club professional champion and this year's vice-captain of the PGA, set forth to complete their recces. For Garner, who is suffering from hairy cell leukaemia, which is responding to treatment, being able to play at all is a joy.

Also in the field for the £3,000 first prize are Neil Coles and his son, Gary, and John Chillas.

Women's tour tends to burn a hole in one's pocket

By Patricia Davies

The morning after she qualified for the Ladies' Professional Golf Association tour in the United States, Trish Johnson took herself and her hangover to a rules and regulations meeting and reeled away clutching her head. "I could be up to my ears in fines next season," she groaned. "If you breathe, you get fined, it seems."

Apart from fines, Miss Johnson and fellow-qualifiers, Caroline Pierce and Liselotte Neumann, not forgetting Laura Davies, the United States women's Open champion, will have to shell out for transport, accommodation, entrance fees and caddies to the tune of some thousand dollars a week. There is also food to consider, bearing in mind the adage "eat junk, play junk". Consuming something more nourishing than the ubiquitous hamburger pushes the price up and if they choose, as most of the players do, to stay in hotels rather than with families, the weekly expenditure will be rather more with hotels ranging from $35 (about £21) to $70 a night.

If they have to fly rather than drive, the cost will go up again and whereas a local caddie will cost approximately $100 for the week a regular caddie will be an added, though undoubtedly worthwhile, expense.

The international members of the tour have to play in at least 15 events and may well play more. Kathy Whitworth, one of the game's big names is 100th on this year's money list with earnings of only $18,653 (£11,200). Marci Bozarth, not such a big name, is fiftieth with $52,514 (£31,700) and Betsy King, former winner of the British Womens Open, is first with $442,010 (£264,700). They have played at least 25 events and it is only the superstar, Nancy Lopez, who is the minimalist par excellence. She has won $204,823 (£122,800) from 18 starts but she is an exception.

"The rewards can be great but the cost is becoming astronomical," Mickey Walker, a former chairman of the Women's Professional Golf Association, said. She struggled on the United States tour for seven years before returning home in 1981.

"I think it's great what the girls have done in qualifying and once they get on the tour the important thing is for them to keep their confidence. They must continue to believe in themselves and their method even when things aren't going well. It's very easy to miss a couple of cuts and then think that you can't play at all."

Miss Walker believes it is a great advantage that Miss Pierce and Miss Johnson are both coached by David Clay, who is based in Houston, and she also points out that both girls know America much better than she did when she first went there. Miss Davies is lucky enough to have her father living in the Carolinas and Miss Walker believes that it is vital to "have a good support system and friends you can trust."

Playing costs

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Hotels: $35 to $70 per night
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Fresh heart for Seoul: Redgrave and Holmes with their award (Photograph: James Morgan)

A double first as medal hopes train overseas

By Jim Railton

Great Britain's top oarsmen, Steve Redgrave and Andy Holmes, share a *The Times*-Minet Supreme Award of £5,000 to assist in their quest for gold medals in next year's Seoul Olympics.

Redgrave, winner of three sprint events at the Westminster Serpentine Regatta on Sunday, said: "This will help us tremendously with our preparations in what is going to be an eventful and tough season. In particular, now we will be able to train overseas in February for two weeks. This will be the first time ever a British crew has held a training camp overseas before Easter."

His immediate plans are to compete in the Marlow long-distance sculls on Saturday on his home water and the following weekend he is off to Switzerland again in the sculls in an 11-kilometre race that has top names among the 50 entrants. Soon after that Redgrave and Holmes will begin their long physiological build-up. They will be based on the Thames.

"Our aim is to win the cox and coxless pairs Olympic gold medals. But as the season progresses, we may opt for one or the other. We will have to wait and see. This year in the Lucerne international and the world championship in Copenhagen we experimented going for the double."

Redgrave and Holmes won one world title and lost another in Copenhagen. After a long, hard week they won the world coxless pairs title on the Saturday but lost their coxed-pair title to the experienced Abbagnale brothers, of Italy.

"What many people did not know," Redgrave said, "was that I contracted a virus and felt weak for the semi-final of the coxless pair. When I returned from Copenhagen I was so exhausted I stayed in bed for three days. The double is risky but we have had some invaluable experience."

Apart from the Olympic regatta and not forgetting that Redgrave and Holmes are Olympic champions in coxed fours, it is going to be an eventful year for them. Holmes's wife, Pam, is expecting their first child and Redgrave will marry Ann Callaway, the international oarswoman, in St Paul's on March 12.

Miss Callaway hopes to make the British Olympic team for Seoul. "Training for the world and Olympic championships is a full-time occupation," she said. "It is the only way you can compete with the Soviet Union and East German athletes. It is very hard and time-consuming and Andy and I feel obliged and committed to achieving the highest possible results. We really have to justify ourselves with so many hours of training. But *The Times*-Minet award will make an invaluable contribution to our training camp expenses overseas."

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TRIATHLON

Injury may hinder Cook title chase

From a Special Correspondent, Nice

A new world champion will be crowned at Nice this weekend, with British hopes resting on Glenn Cook, who is the reigning European champion. He is recovering from a knee injury, so he might not be able to produce his best form.

More than 1,000 of the world's top triathletes will be attracted to the Côte d'Azur for the championships, staged by Nice since 1981. In that time there has been only one winner, Mark Allen, of the United States.

Two weeks ago Allen, the Hawaii Iron man, was taken to hospital because of dehydration. The winner of Hawaii, the American, Dave Scott, and Allen are not scheduled to compete.

Britain's other European champion, Sarah Coope, will be looking to improve on her second place finish of last year.

YACHTING

High wind avoids the record seekers

By Barry Pickthall

The Johnnie Walker speed sailing championships ended at Weymouth yesterday with a record number of breakages but little in the way of sailing records — despite the hurricane-force winds during the week.

Pascal Maka, of France, the fastest man afloat, set a speed of 33.06 knots on his "sinker" sailboard, but even this was five knots below the record he set last year in the Canaries.

The winds answered every competitor's prayers, but the direction and timing of the gales was wrong. The first storm to sweep across Chesil Beach, which guards the flat waters of Portland Harbour where the speed sailors had been waiting with growing impatience, hit on Wednesday night and had blown over by the time the 500-metre course had been opened the following morning.

The wind that brought devastation to the south of England hit at night, taking with it the marquee where many competitors had stored their sails and sinking four of the larger speed craft. By the time the Royal Yachting Association had rescued their equipment and opened the course at 9.30, the wind had died.

Among the craft lost or damaged beyond immediate repair was James and Andrew Grogono's world-record holding, foil-borne Tornado catamaran, Icarus, on which they established the fastest B and C class speeds earlier in the week with a speed of 23.11 knots. Her owners were hopeful of repairing the boat in time for next year's event, which is more than can be said for Icarus II, a larger version of the record-holder owned by Robert Downhill which became the centre-piece in a "ceremonial burn"

The final ignominy came on Sunday, when a force six southerly gale left the sailors sheltered frustratingly in the lee of Portland Bill.

RESULTS: Best speeds of the week (GB unless stated): Eight square-metre class (sailboards): 1, P Maka (Fr), 33.06kt; 2, J-P Siret (Fr), 30.47kt; 3, O Auge (Fr), 30.61kt. Best British: 9, S Sanderson, 29.09kt; equal 14, P Bridgman and E Bele, 28.51kt. Class A: 1, M Prout and N Hance (Tandem sailboard), 24.02kt. Class B: 1, Icarus (J and A Grogono), 20.65 kt. Class C: 1, Icarus, 23.11kt.

Legal move in America's Cup battle

The New York State Supreme Court has allowed the New York Yacht Club to intervene in the action brought against the San Diego Yacht Club by the New Zealand banker, Michael Fay, for not accepting his challenge for the America's Cup next year in 90ft waterline yachts (Barry Pickthall writes).

This is a setback for the Californian club, which plans to defend the cup in 12-metre yachts in 1991 and called on the court to allow changes in the Deed of Gift governing the event.

The changes would allow the holder to decide the timing of challenges and type of yacht, and thus legally reject challenges such as Fay's, that the New York club — which held the cup for 132 years until losing it to Alan Bond, of Australia, in 1983 — is against.

Justice Carmen Beauchamp Ciparick said that as the New York club was the original trustee and to ensure a full airing of the issues, it should be permitted to advance its views.

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Chancery Division

Reorganization of company's capital

Dunstan (Inspector of Taxes) v Young, Austen & Young Ltd
Before Mr Justice Warner
[Judgment October 20]

Properly construed, the phrase "reorganization of a company's share capital" in paragraph 4 of Schedule 7 (Capital Gains: Miscellaneous Rules) to the Finance Act 1965 did not cover the increase in a company's share capital and the allotment of the new shares to its parent company for cash.

Thus, for the purposes of computing capital gains chargeable to corporation tax such transactions did not have the effect of avoiding the provisions of section 22(4) of the 1965 Act in relation to assets acquired otherwise than by way of a bargain made at arm's length.

Mr Justice Warner so held in the Chancery Division in allowing an appeal by the Crown from a determination of a special commissioner who had allowed an appeal by the taxpayer company, Young, Austen & Young Ltd, against a corporation tax assessment for its accounting period to September 1979.

Paragraph 4(1) of Schedule 7 provides: ". . . (a) references to a reorganization of a company's share capital include — (i) any case where persons are, whether for payment or not, allotted shares in or debentures of the company in respect of and in proportion to (or as nearly as may be in proportion to) their holdings of shares in the company or of any class of shares in the company; and (ii) any case where there are more than one class of share and the rights attached to shares of any class are altered . . .".

Mr Christopher McCall, QC, for the Crown; Mr Andrew Thornhill, QC, for the taxpayer company.

MR JUSTICE WARNER said that the question for determination related to the amount of the taxpayer company's capital loss on the sale of the shares in its wholly owned subsidiary, Jones Refrigeration Ltd.

In 1977, a little before becoming a member of the Trafalgar House Group, the taxpayer acquired for £16,100 all the 1,000 issued £1 shares in Jones. One of those shares was then registered in the name of another Trafalgar House company and the remaining 999 in the taxpayer company's name.

Jones fared badly and incurred debts, inter alia, of £200,911 with the taxpayer company. It was decided the company be sold but only after its indebtedness had been eliminated from its balance sheet. Thus on June 12, 1979 Jones increased its share capital by the creation of 200,000 new ordinary £1 shares ranking pari passu with its existing shares.

The taxpayer company then took up those new shares for cash at par. It thus paid £200,000 for them and promptly received £200,000 back from Jones in respect of the debts. On June 29, Jones was sold for £38,000.

The taxpayer company claimed a loss on the sale on the basis of the shares in Jones costing it £16,100 plus £200,000. But the difficulty was that the 200,000 new shares were acquired "otherwise than by way of a bargain made at arm's length" and thus were deemed by section 22(4) of the 1965 Act to have been acquired for a consideration equal to their market value — nearly nothing.

The taxpayer company sought escape by contending that the increase in Jones's share capital and the issue of those new shares to it constituted a "reorganization" of Jones's share capital within paragraph 4 of Schedule 7. That being so, it was said, the £200,000 given by the taxpayer company for the new shares was to be treated as having been given for the original 1,000 shares so that the effect of section 22(4) was side-stepped.

The special commissioner upheld the taxpayer company's case rejecting the Crown's contention that what had been done was not a paragraph 4 "reorganization".

The issue was thus purely one of construction of paragraph 4 and more particularly of the phrase "reorganization of a company's share capital".

It was common ground that paragraph 4(1)(a) did not provide an exhaustive definition of such a reorganization; it had a natural or general meaning covering transactions expressly not included in (1)(a)(i) or (ii).

Mr Thornhill submitted that the transactions here were covered expressly by (1)(a)(i) and, in the alternative, that they were covered by the general meaning of the phrase. The commissioner had rejected the first argument and accepted the second.

That first argument was unacceptable. Construing (1)(a)(i) as a whole, a transaction only came within it if it was of such a kind that the number of new shares allotted to each shareholder depended on the number of existing shares. In other words one had to be able to say that the very nature of the transaction was such that, if the number of shares held by an allottee before the allotment had been different, the number of new shares allotted to him would have been correspondingly different. The transactions of June 1979 were not of such a kind and did not fall within (1)(a)(i).

Turning to Mr Thornhill's second argument, it was agreed that "include" in paragraph 4(1)(a) operated both to enlarge and to clarify the natural meaning of the phrase. Moreover that phrase was not a term of art with a precise meaning.

Had paragraph 4 used the phrase without further definition, then it would have been open to doubt whether, and if so to what extent, it covered a transaction that resulted in an addition to a company's share capital.

Standing by itself the phrase was not apt to cover a mere issue by a company of new shares which left the existing shares untouched save perhaps for a reduction in their market value. The purpose of (1)(a)(i) was to to remove that doubt. It clarified the circumstances in which an allotment of new shares was to be regarded as a reorganization.

It followed that since those transactions were not of a kind covered by (1)(a)(i) they were not a "reorganization" of Jones's share capital. While subparagraph (1)(a) as a whole did not provide an exhaustive definition of "a reorganization of a company's share capital" for the purposes of paragraph 4, it virtually did so where the reorganization took the form of an allotment of new shares.

Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue; Ashurst Morris Crisp.

Devotion not settlement primary purpose of marriage

Regina v Immigration Appeal Tribunal, Ex parte Atwal

The fact that an arranged marriage had taken place between a couple where only one of the parties was settled in the United Kingdom, did not necessarily mean that the primary purpose of the marriage was to obtain settlement for the other party.

Mr Justice McCullough so held in the Queen's Bench Division on October 14, in allowing an application by Mr Saranjit Singh Atwal for an order of certiorari quashing the dismissal by the Immigration Appeal Tribunal on April 28, 1986 of refusal for leave to appeal from the dismissal by the adjudicator Mr J. P. Forge, on April 2, 1986 of the applicant's appeal against the refusal of the Secretary of State for the Home Department to vary leave to remain under paragraph 126(a) of the Statement of Change in Immigration Rules (HC 169) on August 15, 1985.

MR JUSTICE McCULLOUGH said that the applicant arrived in the UK on October 15, 1984 and was given leave to enter on condition that he would not ask to stay for a longer period and that while he was here he would not marry.

On October 30, 1984 the applicant was married in a registry wedding. The couple met after the applicant's entry to the UK.

His Lordship said that in determining whether the applicant had discharged the burden of proving that the primary purpose of his marriage was not to obtain settlement in the UK, regard should be had to the "intervening devotion" which was clearly evident.

Queen's Bench Division

Liability not limited under statute

Virgo Steamship Co SA v Skaarup Shipping Corporation and Others
Before Mr Justice Hirst
[Judgment October 15]

The Civil Liability (Contribution) Act 1978 created a cause of action in its own right, the ambit of which was to be discerned from the terms of the Act itself. Further there was nothing in the Act limiting its scope to liabilities incurred in England and Wales.

Mr Justice Hirst so held in the Commercial Court of the Queen's Bench Division in rejecting an application by Cape Breton Development Corporation (Devco) under Order 12, rule 8 of the Rules of the Supreme Court to set aside third-party proceedings commenced against them by the first defendants, Skaarup Shipping Corporation, and to set aside service of those proceedings out of the jurisdiction.

Skaarup were the charterers of a vessel owned by the plaintiffs, Virgo Steamship Corporation, and the claim arose out of an explosion aboard the vessel while it was loaded with a shipment of Devco coal under bill of lading.

Mr Angus Glennie for Devco; Mr Richard D. Jacobs for Skaarup.

MR JUSTICE HIRST said that there was no disputing the general rule which in principle debarred claims in tort for pure economic loss: see Candlewood Corporation v Mitsui ([1986] AC 1).

However, when, as here, the relevant claim was part of a chain which originated in a claim for physical damage, there was a strong case for not applying the general rule: see Lexmead (Basingstoke) Ltd v Lewis and Others ([1982] AC 225). Hence in the state of the authorities Skaarup did have a good arguable case in law that the third-party claim was open to them.

In view of that conclusion it was strictly unnecessary to consider the alternative case based on the Civil Liability (Contribution) Act 1978 but as it was fully argued his Lordship did so.

The 1978 Act did establish, in its own right, a statutory cause of action for contribution and there was nothing to limit its scope to liabilities incurred within England and Wales.

On the contrary it seemed that section 1(6) with its reference to private international law was a small pointer in favour of an international dimension. The absence of any specific mention of the 1978 Act in Order 11, rule 1 of the Rules of the Supreme Court was not significant, since Order 16, rule 3(4) provided a direct route for third party contribution proceedings via Order 11, rule 1(1)(c).

Section 1(6) of the 1978 Act was formulated to make it clear that the law of England and Wales was the main criterion, subject to the important rider that that included the application of the rules of private international law by reference to foreign law. Therefore Skaarup's alternative reliance on the 1978 Act was sound.

Consequently, in the exercise of his discretion, his Lordship held that this was a proper case for service of the third-party notice out of the jurisdiction upon Devco.

Solicitors: Thomas Cooper & Stibbard; Clyde & Co.

Dismissing action for want of prosecution

Regina v Willesden Justices, Ex parte Clemmings
Before Lord Justice Bingham and Mr Justice Mann
[Judgment October 12]

In exercising their inherent power to dismiss proceedings for want of prosecution justices were in effect doing so on the ground of abuse of the process of the court. In deciding whether the justices' decision to allow proceedings to recommence subsequent to their earlier dismissal was proper, the applicant had to discharge the high burden of proving that the decision was so untenable and irrational that no bench properly directed could come to the same decision.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held when it dismissed an application by Winclette Clemmings for an order prohibiting Willesden Justices from proceeding or further proceeding to hear a charge against the applicant of dishonestly obtaining a Giro cheque belonging to the Department of Health and Social Security on September 2, 1986, contrary to section 15(1) of the Theft Act 1968.

The original proceedings had been dismissed because the prosecution had failed for unknown reasons to prepare advance disclosure of information despite the case having been adjourned twice for that purpose.

Mr Philip Engelman for the applicant and Mr Kenneth Macrae for the respondents.

LORD JUSTICE BINGHAM said that the applicant was recharged on November 4, 1986 and appeared before the justices on November 15, 1986 where the further prosecution of the charge was resisted on behalf of the applicant on the following grounds: (i) autrefois acquit, which was no longer available [because there had been no trial on the merits] and (ii) that the subsequent proceedings were an abuse of the process of the court because the earlier proceedings had been dismissed. The justices dismissed the application.

His Lordship agreed with the applicant's contention that justices had an inherent power to control their own proceedings and to prevent abuse: see Hunter v Chief Constable of West Midlands ([1982] AC 529).

It had not been suggested that the prosecution had behaved in a vexatious manner or in a way which was or would become prejudicial to the applicant. Nevertheless, the inherent power to dismiss was a power which was exercised where there was such a delay in the prosecution as to render the proceedings an abuse.

His Lordship referred to R v Derby Crown Court, Ex parte Brookes ((1985) 80 CrAppR 164), where it was held that the power to stop a prosecution would only arise if there had been an abuse of the court in that the prosecution had manipulated or misused the process of the court to obtain an advantage or where on a balance of probabilities the defendant had been or would be prejudiced. The applicant did not fall into either of the above categories.

Solicitors: Alexander & Partners, Willesden; Crown Prosecution Service, North London.

Correction

In Rigby v Ferodo Ltd (The Times October 16) Gregory Rowcliffe & Co were London agents for Addleshaw Sons & Latham, Manchester.

In Palmer v Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council (The Times October 12) the solicitors for the plaintiff tenant were Bean McDonald, Birmingham.

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Selections

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2.00 Calapaez.
2.35 Miss Nero.
3.10 MRS MUCK (nap).
3.45 Music Be Magic.
4.20 Bright Dream.
4.55 Skevena.
5.25 Hill's Pageant.

By Michael Seely

2.35 Miss Nero. 4.20 Bright Dream. 5.25 **HILL'S PAGEANT** (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 5.25 **HILL'S PAGEANT.**

Going: good

2.0 RODBOROUGH NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,618: 2m) (11 runners)

1	11	CALAPAEZ 57 (F) (D) (R Ellis) Miss B Sanders 11-3	S Sherwood	—
2	2111	KINGSWOOD RESOPAL 35 (F) (B) (J Joseph) D Elsworth 11-3	C Brown	—
3	111F1	DAFFODIL 4 (F,G,S) (D) (Mrs Y Siviter) Mrs S Oliver 11-1	R Hyett	—
6		ALEXA'S BOY (J Weeks) T Hallett 10-10	D Morris	—
7	2	CAJUN DANCER 51 (M Peraticos) M E Francis 10-10	D Cox	—
8		CHARLIE DICKINS (Dickins Ltd) R Hollinshead 10-10	C Cox	—
11	20	FIRST CITIZEN 14 (Mrs D Smart) B Smart 10-10	P Dever	—
15	6	NORTHERN BARRY 14 (T Coleman) Mrs M Rimell 10-10	R Dunwoody	—
20		HAMRAHI (Mrs C Charlet) C Charlet 10-5	D Browne	—
22	03404	MAIN ROCKET 6 (Mrs T Hope) Mrs M Rimell 10-5	R Campbell	—
24	2222	WE'RE IN THE MONEY 35 (J Sparks) J Francome 10-5	R J Beggan	—

BETTING: 6-4 Calapaez, 4-1 Kingswood Resopal, 6-1 Daffodil, 15-2 We're In The Money, 10-1 First Citizen, 12-1 Cajun Dancer, Northern Barry, 16-1 others.

1986: MELENDEZ 11-3 P Scudamore (4-6 fav) M Pipe 7 ran

FORM CALAPAEZ impressed when (11-2) beating WE'RE IN THE MONEY (10-8) 20l at Fontwell (2m 2f, £685, good to firm, Aug 25, 5 ran).

KINGSWOOD RESOPAL (11-4) completed treble when beating WE'RE IN THE MONEY (10-5) 5l at Devon (2m 1f, £922, firm, Sept 16, 15 ran) with MAIN ROCKET (10-5) another 14½l 5th.

DAFFODIL (11-2) makes a quick reappearance after beating Princess Semele (11-2) a short head at Bangor (2m 80yd, £700, soft, Oct 17, 11 ran).

CAJUN DANCER (10-10) one-paced 3l 2nd to O'Connell Street (10-10) at Huntingdon (2m 100yd, £685, good to firm, Aug 31, 13 ran) with DAFFODIL (10-10) a third-fence faller.

FIRST CITIZEN (10-10) 5l 2nd to Tabareek (10-5) at Warwick (2m, £782, good to firm (Sept 19, 19 ran).

Selection: CALAPAEZ

2.35 STANDARD LIFE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,826: 3m 1f) (19 runners)

1	10400-1	MERRY JANE 25 (F,G,S) (D Scott) E Owen Jun 6-12-0	D Skyrme (7)	97
2	4031/00-	MALFORD LAD 208 (S) (C) (R Hawker) R Hawker 9-11-13	E Waite	—
3	F200-00	VON TRAPPE 14 (F,G,S) (CD) (P Bancroft) Mrs J Pitman 10-11-12	M Pitman	97
4	001-2F1	MISS NERO 14 (F,S) (CD) (P Yates) R Lee 6-11-8 (6ex)	B Dowling (4)	92
6	000-412	MISTER PITT 14 (F,G,S) (D) (A Merritt) T Bill 8-11-4	N Fearn (4)	97
7	000044-	SUPER GRASS 184 (S) (Mrs D Smart) B Smart 8-10-9	B Powell	● 99
8	U31120-	QUEENSWAY BOY 184 (F,G,S) (Queensway Sec Ltd) Miss A King 8-10-7	A Webb	—
9	1220-41	BRONZE EFFIGY 27 (G,S) (Mrs R Henriques) M Henriques 5-10-6	G McCourt	91
10	021021-	SMART JACK 151 (F,S) (S Marsh) R Fisher 6-10-6	M Meagher	91
12	10033-4	VIPSANIA 25 (S) (Mrs J Meade) Mrs M Rimell 6-10-3	D Browne	91
13	0P/4B0P-	CELTIC CRACKER 294 (G,S) (C) (P Evans) R Hartop 9-10-2	K Burke (4)	98
14	6P123-3	JOIST 27 (F) (B) (C Barnes) M Pipe 5-10-1	P Scudamore	94
15	0011-43	RHODE ISLAND RED 51 (F,S) (J Bruton) A Moore 4-10-1	G Moore	96
18	0F0001-	SPEND EASY 170 (F,G) (A Aylett) A Aylett 7-10-0	R Dunwoody	90
19	101-230	ASTICOT 41 (F,S) (Mrs H Hogben) D Wintle 5-10-0	A Carroll	86
23	04000-0	CLARA GIRL 18 (S) (T Siviter) Miss S Oliver 6-10-0	J Duggan	—
25	1F0P/	ROMAN MARINER 745 (F,G,S) (J Parfitt) J Parfitt 8-10-0	D Tegg (7)	—
26	312/034	DO OR DIE 21 (G,S) (J Jardine) W Clay 10-10-0	—	73
27	P00U0-4	GOLDEN NORMAN 18 (S) (A Shenston) B Stevens 9-10-0	S Moore	70

BETTING: 4-1 Miss Nero, Mister Pitt, 11-2 Bronze Effigy, 13-2 Joist, 7-1 Von Trappe, 9-1 Vipsania, 10-1 Merry Jane, 12-1 Smart Jack, 14-1 others.

1986: DEW 5-10-0 N Coleman (3-1 jt-fav) R Holder 10 ran

FORM MERRY JANE (11-8) beat Tiptonian (10-0) a short head at Stratford (2m 6f, £2633, good to firm, Sept 26, 10 ran) with VIPSANIA (10-2) another 5l 4th.

MISS NERO (10-11) made up for fall on previous start when beating MISTER PITT (11-7) 3l on this course (3m 1f, £2515, good to firm, Oct 7, 8 ran) with VON TRAPPE (11-13), below best, another 11l 6th.

SUPER GRASS would have definite chance here if repeating form of (10-6) 7l defeat of Spider's Well (11-3) at Newton Abbot (2m 5f 110yd, £3044, heavy, Dec 26, 17 ran). Suited by soft ground.

BRONZE EFFIGY (11-4) produced strong challenge run-in when beating Mariners Dream (10-5) 1l at Uttoxeter (3m, £1727, good, Sept 24, 11 ran) with JOIST (11-1) another 5l 3rd and MISS NERO (11-10) a faller two out when clear.

SMART JACK (10-13) beat Discain Boy (12-0) 1½l at Cartmel (2m 7f, £1906, good to firm, May 23, 4 ran).

RHODE ISLAND RED (11-6) best judged on final outing of last season when beating Pamparoid (11-12) 5l at Fontwell (2m 6f, £685, firm, May 25, 5 ran).

Selection: SUPER GRASS

3.10 LYDNEY NOVICE CHASE (£3,733: 2m) (6 runners)

1	01F00-1	JIM THORPE 14 (F,S) (M C Inns Ltd) G Richards 6-11-5	P Tuck	84
2	23012-1	MRS MUCK 13 (G,S) (N Twiston-Davies) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-3	P Scudamore	● 99
4		GLENAVEY (R Gilder) J Gifford 6-11-1	R Rowe	—
5	430P-03	PRUDENT MATCH 6 (J Stafford) H O'Neill 8-11-1	G McCourt	83
7	40113-1	AUNTIE DOT 32 (D,F,G,S) (J Webber) J Webber 6-11-0	G Mernagh	89
8	0/000-	SOUTHERN REAPER 266 (J Upson) T Casey 5-11-0	R Dunwoody	—

BETTING: 5-4 Mrs Muck, 11-4 Jim Thorpe, 4-1 Auntie Dot, 7-1 Glenavey, 14-1 Prudent Match, 25-1 Southern Reaper.

1986: COCAINE 8-11-1 C Mann (12-1) C Holmes 5 ran

FORM JIM THORPE (11-4) had little more than an exercise gallop when beating Saizano (11-4) 2½l at Perth (2m 4f, £1543, soft, Oct 7, 8 ran).

MRS MUCK (10-11), formerly high-class hurdler, made an impressive chasing debut with 12l defeat of Royal Cedar (11-2) here (2m 4f, £4006, good, Oct 8, 9 ran) with PRUDENT MATCH (11-2) well-beaten 5th.

PRUDENT MATCH (11-1) subsequently 15l 3rd to Prideaux Boy (11-4) at Wincanton (2m, £1202, good, Oct 15, 10 ran).

AUNTIE DOT (11-2) easily beat Expeditious (11-7) 5l at Bangor (2m, £1587, good, Sept 19, 9 ran).

Selection: MRS MUCK

3.45 STANDARD LIFE HANDICAP CHASE (£4,635: 2m 4f) (7 runners)

3	221101-	SUMMONS 182 (F,G,S) (CD) (Mrs S Embiricos) J Gifford 8-11-10	R Rowe	88
4	1311F2-	GEE-A 171 (F,G,S) (CD) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 8-11-8	Miss G Armytage	90
6	12F4PF-	GLENRUE 200 (F,G) (D) (Caseville Group) T Casey 10-11-3	R Dunwoody	98
7	3F200-2	MUSIC BE MAGIC 13 (F,S) (C,BF) (N Mason Ltd) G Richards 8-10-12	P Tuck	● 99
8	212200-	ROUSPETER 183 (G,S) (D) (E Young) D Nicholson 10-10-10	W Humphreys	96
10	P122-22	CASTLE ANDREA 14 (G) (D Jeffries) D Jeffries 9-10-1	M Jenkins	93
11	0-23321	LECTOR 15 (F,G) (B) (J Joseph) D Elsworth 6-10-0 (6ex)	R Arnott	90

BETTING: 9-4 Music Be Magic, 3-1 Summons, 9-2 Gee-A, 5-1 Lector, 8-1 Glenrue, 10-1 Rouspeter, 14-1 Castle Andrea.

1986: GOLDEN FRIEND 8-11-13 G McCourt (15-2) Mrs M Rimell 7 ran

FORM SUMMONS (12-0) ended last season with a game 5l defeat of Comeragh King (11-4) here (2m 4f, £9806, firm, Apr 22, 8 ran).

GEE-A successful six times last season including (10-13) 1½l beating of Karenomore (11-3) at Liverpool (2m 4f, £5111, soft, Apr 2, 13 ran).

GLENRUE (12-0) beat Sammy Lux (10-2) 4l at Huntingdon (3m 100yd, £1680, good to firm, Sept 1986, 9 ran). Goes well when fresh.

MUSIC BE MAGIC (11-7) close to best on reappearance when ½l 2nd to Tarn (10-11) here (2m, £3818, good, Oct 8, 8 ran).

ROUSPETER won three times last season and ran creditably when (11-3) ½l 2nd to Landing Board (10-3) at Doncaster (2m 4f, £2725, good to firm, Mar 14, 8 ran) with GLENRUE (12-1) pulled up.

CASTLE ANDREA (10-8) creditable short head 2nd to Celtic Hamlet (10-0) here (3m, £3662, good to firm, Oct 7, 6 ran). May find this too short.

LECTOR (10-0) got up close home to beat Akram (10-10) a head at Devon (2m 1f, £1911, good, Oct 6, 7 ran).

Selection: ROUSPETER

4.20 DERMOT DALY MEMORIAL TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (Amateurs: £3,173: 3m) (12 runners)

1	01030-0	LUCKY VANE 15 (F,G,S) (C) (G Balding) G Balding 12-12-0	S Mullins (7)	● 99
2	04114U-	THE ARGONAUT 158 (F,G,S) (Queen Elizabeth) F Walwyn 9-11-11	G Oxley (7)	96
4	0140-41	BRIGHT DREAM 7 (S) (D) (J Holmes) J Gifford 11-11-11 (6ex)	T Grantham	98
5	P3213-2	GREENWOOD LAD 14 (F,G,S) (C,D) (C Sporborg) C Sporborg 10-11-5	W Sporborg (7)	91
7	201130-	ETON ROUGE 184 (S) (D) (Mrs B Jenks) Mrs M Rimell 8-10-10	M Sheppard (7)	97
9	222F-10	LATIN AMERICAN 20 (F,G) (B,C,BF) (J Rische) T Forster 10-10-5	M Armytage	90
10	00P312/	KILLEGAR KIM 529 (G,S) (Mrs M Grant) J Webber 8-10-5	Miss J Henry (7)	—
11	001-PP0	FOOT STICK 14 (F) (B,C) (R Barber) R Barber 11-10-5	Miss V Williams (7)	89
12	34-210U	STRATHLINE 13 (F) (R Faiers) M Oliver 7-10-5	Mr J Railton (7)	80
13	2/02P14-	DODDY'S SPECIAL 184 (S) (D) (Miss H Handel) Miss H Handel 12-10-5	Miss H Handel (7)	81
15	PUU3U0-	TELF 154 (Mrs E Ludlow) J Long 7-10-5	Mr P Clarke (7)	68
16	323F40-	PRINCELY CALL 170 (F,G,S) (B) (Mrs G Jones) Mrs G Jones 13-10-5	M Richards (7)	82

BETTING: 7-2 Greenwood Lad, 4-1 The Argonaut, 9-2 Bright Dream, 11-2 Eton Rouge, 7-1 Latin American, 10-1 Lucky Vane, 12-1 Strathline, 14-1 Killegar Kim, 20-1 others.

1986: GRATIFICATION 9-11-5 C Brooks (9-4 fav) F Winter 9 ran

FORM LUCKY VANE well beaten on seasonal debut; last approached best when (10-9) 16l 3rd to Knock Hill (10-0) here (4m, £4612, soft, Dec 31, 11 ran).

THE ARGONAUT (10-8) beat Malya Mal (11-7) 1l at Sandown (2m 4f 68yd, £3707, good to soft, Mar 31, 6 ran).

BRIGHT DREAM (12-7) returned to best latest start when beating Dr Pepper (10-4) 15l at Plumpton (3m 1f, £2343, soft, Oct 14, 8 ran).

GREENWOOD LAD (11-8) fair 8l 2nd to Our Fun (11-10) here (2m 4f, amateurs, £2992, good to firm, Oct 7, 6 ran) with FOOT STICK (11-3) poor 5th.

LATIN AMERICAN (10-12) beat Nectarbridge (10-9) 12l at Huntingdon (2m 4f, £1828, good to firm, Sept 18, 10 ran).

DODDY'S SPECIAL (11-2) beat Goingo (11-2) an easy 7l at Chepstow (3m, £2575, good to soft, Mar 21, 16 ran).

Selection: GREENWOOD LAD

4.55 BEHRENS NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £1,688: 2m) (18 runners)

3	040-1	PRIVATEPERFORMANCE 8 (S) (K Balfour) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-5	M Pitman	90
5	12	TEBITTO 28 (F) (D,BF) (L Ames) A Turnell 4-11-4	Steve Knight	98
6	0-111	SKEVENA 28 (F,G) (B) (W Mullins) D Elsworth 4-11-3	P Holley (7)	● 99
9	F-	AUTUMN SPORT 298 (F,G) (C Jenkins) J Edwards 6-11-1	T Morgan	—
11	202-	BLACK MONKEY 268 (S) (L Connell) D Nicholson 5-11-1	R Dunwoody	—
12	0PP/0-	FRIENDLY MEMBER 294 (R Hawker) R Hawker 5-11-1	E Waite	—
13	F033-3	GAY GUNNER 12 (Mrs D Stamp) G Gracey 6-11-1	J Duggan	87
15	0P0040/	JONIX 513 (Mrs S Wills) J Gifford 5-11-1	R Rowe	—
16	P0-	RAPPAHANNOCK 222 (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 5-11-1	R Strange	—
17	24000/	RED COLUMBIA 638 (Mrs J Webster) W Mann 6-11-1	S J O'Neill	—
19	40-U	SPEARHEAD WARRIOR 19 (P Buckley) K White 5-11-1	A O'Hagan	—
20	0-	TIMOLIVER 251 (J Lewis) O Sherwood 6-11-1	S Sherwood	—
23	0P-	BENTLEY 215 (Mrs D Fallows) Mrs J Croft 4-11-0	A Gorman	—
24		CHUCKLESTONE (J Short) J King 4-11-0	S McNeill	—
25	42220-0	GEX 12 (BF) (Venture Chem Products Ltd) R Akehurst 4-11-0	Dale McKeown (4)	98
27	4244-	KING RETAIN 207 (L Thwaites) F Walwyn 4-11-0	K Mooney	96
28	0-2	MASTER MUCK 207 (N Twiston-Davies) N Twiston-Davies 4-11-0	P Scudamore	—
31		MR MOSS (Mrs A Richards) H O'Neill 4-11-0	G McCourt	—

BETTING: 7-4 Skevenas, 9-2 Tebitto, 11-2 King Retain, 13-2 Privateperformance, 9-1 Gex, 12-1 Autumn Sport, 14-1 Chucklestone, 16-1 Master Muck, 20-1 others.

1986: BOLD MONK 4-11-4 P Nicholls (15-8) D Barons 6 ran

FORM PRIVATEPERFORMANCE (11-0) won at Newton Abbot (2m 150yd, £1110, soft, Oct 13, 12 ran) by 3l from Manner's Whistle (11-0), pair clear.

TEBITTO followed Worcester (2m) victory with (11-3) ¾l 2nd to Ganaro (10-12) at the same track (2m 2f, £1286, firm, Sept 25, 23 ran).

SKEVENA completed treble with (11-3) 15l victory over Kentucky Quest (11-0) at Devon (2m 1f, £949, good, Sept 23, 12 ran).

GAY GUNNER (10-10) had GEX (10-9) 15l away 5th when 7½l 3rd to Magic Motion (10-10) at Worcester (2m 4f, £806, good, Oct 9, 23 ran).

GEX put up best effort last season over 2m at Newbury when (11-4) 5l 2nd to Prairie Oyster (11-4) (£2345, soft, Feb 14, 21 ran).

KING RETAIN, eighth in 1986 Irish Derby, failed to fulfil potential last season; best effort probably at Newbury (10-9) when 3½l 4th to Brent Riverside (2m 100yd, £6000, heavy, Mar 28, 11 ran).

Selection: SKEVENA

5.25 BEHRENS NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £1,718: 2m) (20 runners)

2	0P-1132	TOUKSHAD 28 (F) (D) (K Catchpole) R O'Sullivan 4-11-8	M Kinane	70
4	0-	CHANCELLORSVILLE 298 (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 5-11-1	R Strange	—
5		COME ON CITY (R Hickman) R Hickman 6-11-1	J Bryan	—
6		FERNS BUNYIP (M Brown) M Brown 5-11-1	J Brown	—
7		FORMATUNE (A Sofronou) D Arbuthnot 5-11-1	S McNeill	—
9	020-	HILLCASTLE 223 (Mrs J Gee) G Balding 8-11-1	S Moore	—
10	2022-	HILL'S PAGEANT 202 (L Thwaites) F Walwyn 8-11-1	K Mooney	● 99
11	44-	JIMSTER 305 (C Nash) C Nash 5-11-1	M Bosley (4)	61
13	00/	MAD JIMMY 681 (J Warner) R Holder 5-11-1	P Murphy	—
15	200	SAB-AN 39 (H Oliver) Mrs S Oliver 6-11-1	R Hyett	67
17	30/00-02	THE CURATE 18 (Mrs P Hargreaves) Mrs P Hargreaves 9-11-1	NON-RUNNER	—
19	3P-	UNDER OFFER 184 (Miss S Douglas-Pennant) P Bailey 6-11-1	B Powell	60
25		FACTOTUM (D Stone) R Akehurst 4-11-0	Dale McKeown (4)	—
26	F0P-2	FIRE REFINED 11 (P Bonner) Mrs J Pitman 4-11-0	M Pitman	63
27	4P-	FLEET COMMANDER 235 (M Meade) O Sherwood 4-11-0	S Sherwood	—
28		LYON COEUR (Mrs J Lewis) F Jordan 4-11-0	C Smith	—
29		MASTER THAMES (Mrs D Haynes) D Nicholson 4-11-0	W Humphreys (7)	—
31	60-	RIVER GALAXY 236 (R Goode) D Bell 4-11-0	Lorna Vincent	—
33	0-	PROMINENT PRINCESS 235 (S) (Mrs M Haslum) J Cosgrave 7-10-10	—	—
35		RELATIVELY EASY (A Macdonald-Buchanan) D Nicholson 4-10-9	R Dunwoody	—

BETTING: 11-10 Hill's Pageant, 5-1 Toukshad, 11-2 Factotum 7-1 Fire Refined, 8-1 Fleet Commander, 10-1 Under Offer, 14-1 Relatively Easy 20-1 others.

1986: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION

FORM TOUKSHAD (11-9) running-on 5l 2nd to Davy's Weir (10-12) at Fontwell (2m 2f, £2158, firm, Oct 1, 11 ran) latest start.

HILL'S PAGEANT has outstanding claims; last season's efforts included a (11-8) length 2nd to Tartan Tailor (11-8) in the Supreme Novices' Hurdle at the Festival meeting here (2m, £23190, good, Mar 17, 20 ran).

JIMSTER showed some promise last season, notably when (11-0) 17½l 4th to Macroom (11-0) at Lingfield (2m, £1570, soft, Dec 20, 12 ran).

SAB-AN has been running over longer trips since (11-0) 2½l 2nd to Nap Majestica (10-11) at Southwell (2m, £685, firm, Aug 8, 12 ran).

FIRE REFINED (10-11) 8l 2nd to Arges at Uttoxeter (2m, £685, Oct 10, 12 ran). May improve.

Selection: HILL'S PAGEANT

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per Cent
O Sherwood	10	39	25.6
R Fisher	5	22	22.7
G Richards	9	61	14.8
D Elsworth	14	96	14.6
F Walwyn	15	116	12.9
M Pipe	9	80	11.3

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
D Browne	9	44	20.5
P Tuck	9	52	17.3
S Sherwood	12	71	16.9
R Dunwoody	15	125	12.0
P Scudamore	34	298	11.4
R Rowe	15	159	9.4

RACING

Mrs Muck can confirm her chasing ability

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

If she is anywhere near as good over fences as she was over hurdles, Mrs Muck should win the Lydney Novices' Chase at Cheltenham today.

Over hurdles she finished well in front of Jim Thorpe, one of today's rivals, the only time they met in the Tote Gold Trophy at Newbury.

Also, her overall record over hurdles, which included a victory in the Keith Prowse Long Distance Hurdle at Ascot and second place in the Welsh Champion Hurdle at Chepstow, was better than that of Jim Thorpe and, for that matter, Auntie Dot as well.

That Chepstow result was significant because it proved that Mrs Muck was not devoid of speed, even though most of her best performances were when the emphasis was on stamina. And that is an important consideration now as today's race is over only two miles.

For when she made her successful chasing debut on the course 13 days ago, she had an extra half mile to travel. However, she jumped and won so well that day that I do not think she will be remotely inconvenienced by today's shorter trip. Indeed, the very fact that she has already enjoyed herself jumping Cheltenham's stiff fences is likely to prove an advantage.

Perth and Bangor were the courses where Jim Thorpe and Auntie Dot won, both on their reappearance. Useful that they are, Mrs Muck looks in a different class and she is my nap.

No matter how he gets on aboard Jim Thorpe, Phil Tuck should still have cause to remember this meeting with satisfaction because I believe that he can win the more valuable Standard Life Handicap Chase on Music Be Magic, who was beaten only half a length by Tarn during the previous meeting.

Greenwood Lad, another who was runner-up on his seasonal debut a fortnight ago, returns to Prestbury Park for the Dermot Daly Memorial Trophy for amateur riders in which he will be ridden by William Sporborg, son of the owner, Christopher Sporborg. However, they may **Bright Dream** hard to beat following the latter's runaway win under 12st 7lb at Plumpton a week ago.

Hill's Pageant, who has been runner-up to such good horses as Desert Orchid, Browne's Gazette, Tartan Tailor and Convinced in his time, is my selection to win the second division of the Behrens Novices' Hurdle. He will get few better opportunities to lose his maiden tag under National Hunt rules.

Phil Tuck: can win the day's top prize at Cheltenham on Music Be Magic (3.45)

At Redcar, I fancy One From Above to win the Ruswarp Maiden Stakes. By Shirley Heights out of One In A Million, this colt is very closely related to that fine filly, Milligram.

Making his debut in the Haynes, Hanson and Clark Stakes at Newbury, One From Above showed enough ability when finishing sixth behind Unfuwain to suggest that a more modest prize such as this should come his way.

Aletta Maria, who has been placed at Salisbury and Goodwood, should become yet another winner for that promising first season stallion Diesis in the EBF Egton Maiden Stakes.

Proof that the horse still reigns supreme

By Michael Seely

Humans and horses are the joint stars in the firmament of racing. On the Flat, Lester Piggott, who is due to face the bleakest hours of his life at Ipswich Assizes on Friday, bestrode the scene like a hollow-cheeked Colossus for over a quarter of a century, intriguing his fans as much as by his compulsive obsession with money as by his wizardry in the saddle.

On the jumping front, John Francome, for so long the tousle-headed Puck of the winter game, was as renowned for his brushes with authority as for his centaur-like rapprochement with his mount.

However, under both codes of rules, the horse itself reigns as the only unblemished monarch. Red Rum, an archetypal survivor of the trials inflicted by human misunderstanding, finally emerged from his own particular valley of despair to triumph as the only horse ever to win three Aintree Grand Nationals.

Likewise Dawn Run, assisted by the equally indomitable Jonjo O'Neill, fired the nation's imagination when claiming her place in the record books as the only horse to land the double of the Champion Hurdle and the Cheltenham Gold Cup.

These and other sharply etched cameos of treasured recollection are delineated in Julian Wilson's new book *100 Greatest Racehorses.***

The ability to rate all-time merit is hard for any critic from his distant view through the tunnel of time. But who can possibly argue with Wilson's judgement of Arkle, a three times winner of the Gold Cup and the gelding who forced the Irish to change their system of handicapping.

"Arkle was the most exceptional racehorse with which the author has come into contact. He was, quite simply, the greatest steeplechaser that has ever lived."

The assessment of champions, past and present, on the Flat poses a more difficult problem. From the mists of time, the likes of Eclipse, St Simon, and Ormonde emerge to challenge post-war names such as, Ribot and Alleged, the only dual winners of the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, and Sea Bird II and Mill Reef, still the only horses to have landed the double of the Epsom Derby and the Arc.

Comparisons, though, have always been as unnecessary as they are odious. And it is Wilson's encapsulation of the magic moments of his particular idols that not only make compelling reading but also give reality to their status.

Dahlia's breathtaking sprint past her field in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes in 1973 was a typical example. And the sight of Nijinsky's exhausted capitulation to Sassafras in the Arc remains as painful a memory as was his capture of the Triple Crown an exhilarating one.

But, in the final analysis, it has always been the raw unflinching courage of the thoroughbred that has moved the human heart. And Brigadier Gerard, winner of 17 of his 18 races, was especially gallant when defeating Sparkler and Rarity in soft ground at Ascot and Newmarket in 1971.

How do the professionals see their own champions? "The Brigadier was a man," recalls Dick Hern. "He took a bit of studying. On the gallops he did no more than he had to and just used to come up to his lead horse. But he knew he was good all right."

And what more fitting way to close the door of memory than with the words of one of the immortals of the turf paying tribute to a giant of his and all our pasts.

****100 Greatest Racehorses* (MacDonald, Queen Anne Press, £14.95)**

Princess Royal's US debut

By Christopher Goulding

The Princess Royal has her first experience of race riding in the United States on Friday. She partners Abbreviation in a two-mile Flat race, the British Airways Invitational Stakes, at Percy Warner Park, Nashville, Tennessee.

The meeting is named in honour of Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, and $20,000 will be donated from the proceeds of the meeting to the Save The Children Fund of which the Princess Royal is president.

Josh Gifford, the Sussex trainer, has sent over Abbreviation for the Princess Royal to ride. He said yesterday: "Both my horses have arrived safe and well. I have never sent horses so far before." Abbreviation has run twice over hurdles recently and has shown some ability on the Flat.

The Princess's rivals include a strong challenge from the Sloan family. George Sloan, chairman of the racecourse and a former champion amateur rider in both the United States and Great Britain, will be joined by his wife, Jane, and brother, Paul.

Gifford's other runner, Alexandra Palace, runs in the feature race, the $100,000 Queen Mother Supreme Novices' Chase. He will be racing against a number of horses formerly trained in England, notably High Plains, a useful performer when with David Nicholson.

Alexandra Palace has already shown his well-being this season with a victory over hurdles at Fontwell Park last month. He will be ridden by Gifford's stable jockey, Richard Rowe.

Nicholson has abandoned plans to run Very Promising in the $250,000 Breeders' Cup Chase at Fair Hill, Maryland, eight days later. Nicholson feels his horse is "not bouncing and sparkling and it is a long way to go".

The European challenge is now left to Aonoch, who joined Michael Morris, the Irish trainer, in the summer. Morris reports his charge fit and well for one of the most valuable steeplechases in the world. Niall Madden will have the ride.

Census, winner of last year's inaugural Breeders' Cup chase, will miss the race. His owner and trainer do not want to press him too hard after he injured a tendon last year.

Flatterer who showed that he is one of the best jumping horses in the world when chasing home See You Then in the Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham, is fit for his first assault on the Fair Hill race.

Golden Friend has Gold Cup objective

Mercy Rimell maintained her 100 per cent record at Fontwell Park yesterday when Cheltenham Gold Cup prospect Golden Friend outclassed his rivals in the Derek Wigan Memorial Chase.

"My only two previous runners here, Bel Course and Celtic Isle, both won," Mrs Rimell recalled. "I think Golden Friend is a much better horse this season — he jumps so much better now he has regained confidence after a lot of bad luck as a novice. He will definitely have another go at the Gold Cup in which he finished sixth last year."

A more immediate target is the Terry Biddlecombe Chase at Wincanton, a race staged in honour of the Rimells' former stable jockey.

Jumping soundly, Golden Friend led at the 13th of the 22 fences, and steadily drew clear to win easing down by 10 lengths.

With title protagonists Steve Cauthen and Pat Eddery drawing blanks at Leicester, riding honours at the Midlands track went to Richard Hills, who landed a near 28-1 double on Dayajeer and Fille D'Esprit.

Ray Cochrane rode his 104th winner of the season on Raykour in the first division of the EBF Soar Maiden Stakes, his only mount of the day.

At Sedgefield, Paul Harte made a winning debut over hurdles when partnering Hobournes to victory in the seller. Harte, from Co. Cork, joined Harry Wharton's Middleham yard at Christmas after riding seven winners in Ireland when with Dermot Weld.

● Gary Bardwell still leads the Long John Scotch Whisky European Apprentice Championship after the second round at Taby, Sweden. The competition moves on to France today for round three at Evry.

TITLE RACE

STEVE CAUTHEN 185

Winners yesterday: none.
Rides today: five — Senator Snugfit (2.15 Redcar), Pharaoh Blue (3.15), Taylor Cares (3.45), Masnun (4.15), As Sharp (4.45).

PAT EDDERY 182

Winners yesterday: none.
Rides today: six — Night Pass (2.15 Redcar), Royal Tower (2.45), Later Edition (3.15), Invasion (3.45), Mariano (4.15), Tanias Dad (4.45).

(16 Flat racing days remaining)

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Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 One From Above.
2.45 Rudda Cass.
3.15 Mughtanim.
3.45 Invasion.
4.15 Aletta Maria.
4.45 The Mazall.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.15 ONE FROM ABOVE (nap).
2.45 —
3.15 Later Edition.
3.45 Taylor Cares.
4.15 Masnun.
4.45 Munawar.

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 .... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: good to soft **Draw: no advantage**

2.15 RUSWARP MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,700: 1m) (20 runners)

3	(11)		BRADGATE (C Kirchin) J Mackie 9-0	D McKeown	—
4	(17)		CHARLES DEVON LAD (R Bowes) H Wharton 9-0	D Nicholls	—
5	(15)	00	DENABY 15 (R Lee) S Norton 9-0	J Lowe	92
7	(19)	00	EYEOPENER 151 (Lord Bristol) F Durr 9-0	NON-RUNNER	—
10	(18)	0	KALEIDOSCOPE 19 (Lady H de Walden) W Jarvis 9-0	B Raymond	—
14	(20)	0	MAIN OBJECTIVE 39 (Mrs A Chapman) L Cumani 9-0	R Cochrane	96
15	(9)	0	MR THERM 194 (Lord Belper) M W Easterby 9-0	M Hindley	—
16	(12)	00	NIGHT PASS 29 (I Pilkington) J Dunlop 9-0	Pat Eddery	91
17	(16)	000	ONE FOR THE POT 15 (P Lewis) W Pearce 9-0	K Hodgson	84
18	(20)	0	ONE FROM ABOVE 33 (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 9-0	W R Swinburn	● 99
21	(4)	00000	PRIMULA AGAIN 35 (Kavli) W Bentley 9-0	T Ives	89
22	(3)	00	REEF PATRICK 15 (M George) N Tinkler 9-0	P Gunn	—
25	(13)	4	SENATOR SNUGFIT 26 (A Greenwood) M W Easterby 9-0	S Cauthen	92
27	(10)	0	YASMIN'S HERO 98 (Mrs A Quinn) P Felgate 9-0	W Ryan	—
28	(14)	04	AIMEE JANE 8 (P Locke) G Harwood 9-0	G Starkey	90
29	(8)	00000	AMBER LOCH 25 (Miss J Cook) M Ellerby 8-9	S Morris	83
30	(1)	00000	DELLMO FLEET 7 (F Carmen) W Bentley 8-9	A Proud	64
32	(7)	0	OUR ROWENA 8 (G Moore) M Prescott 8-9	G Duffield	74
34	(5)		ROAD TRAIN (B Yeardley Con Ltd) S Norton 8-9	R Hills	—
35	(6)	0	ROMAN JOY 15 (W Lockey) B Wilkinson 8-9	S Webster	—

BETTING: 2-1 One From Above, 11-4 Main Objective, 7-2 Night Pass, 5-1 Senator Snugfit, 7-1 Aimee Jane, 12-1 Denaby, 16-1 others.

1986: YAHEEB 9-0 A Murray (7-1) H Thomson Jones 23 ran

2.45 CUB HUNTERS SELLING STAKES (3-Y-O: £874: 1m 4f) (7 runners)

1	(5)	002320	GAELIC LOVER 9 (B,G) (E Hutchison) C Tinkler 9-0	M Birch	94
4	(3)	0	MASTER FRANKIE 74 (Mrs P Fox) J Mulhall 9-0	J Carr (5)	—
5	(6)	000004	ROYAL TOWER 13 (B) (Mrs G Spink) H Jones 9-0	Pat Eddery	80
6	(7)	00010	RUDDA CASS 8 (F) (J Stalcher) Mrs G Reveley 9-0	S Quinn (5)	● 99
8	(4)	240400	SASKIA'S REPRIEVE 4 (Qualitair Eng Ltd) K Stone 9-0	T Quinn	90
10	(1)	004000	BOLD AD 4 (D Drury) W Bentley 8-11	R Lappin	92
11	(2)	000000	GREETLAND GIRL 13 (J Wilkins) R Whitaker 8-11	D McKeown	92

BETTING: 5-2 Rudda Cass, 3-1 Saskia's Reprieve, 7-2 Gaelic Lover, 6-1 Greetland Girl, 8-1 Royal Tower, 12-1 Bold Ad, 20-1 Master Frankie.

1986: FLOATER 9-0 M Wood (8-1) S Wiles 11 ran

3.15 REDCAR OCTOBER HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,528: 1m 2f) (18 runners)

2	(2)	124041	MUGHTANIM 15 (F) (H Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 9-9 (5ex)	M Roberts	98
3	(16)	0-01000	ISTIDAAR 35 (F) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-7	R Hills	96
4	(15)	323031	KATE IS BEST 16 (G) (T Ramsden) M Ryan 9-7 (5ex)	N Day	88
5	(13)	0-040	TROPICAL FLOWER 19 (M Machine) J Dunlop 9-6	G Duffield	85
9	(8)	0-0420	PALAIS DE DANSE 4 (The Queen) W Hastings-Bass 9-3	W R Swinburn	94
10	(6)	0-03430	PITCHFORK 46 (A Oldrey) P Walwyn 9-3	R Cochrane	97
12	(9)	120429	BECCADELLI 23 (D,G) (C St George) C Tinkler 9-3	M Birch	98
14	(11)	101044	PHARAOH BLUE 27 (D,F,G) (Mrs C Pateras) C Brittain 9-2	S Cauthen	92
15	(5)	000110	LATER EDITION 33 (D,G,S) (R McAulay) B Hanbury 9-2	Pat Eddery	94
17	(14)	010000	EIGHT MILE ROCK 4 (B,F) (E St George) M W Easterby 9-0	D Nicholls	91
18	(7)	000100	MISS MARTINIQUE 46 (C,G) (A Lyons) C Booth 8-13	K Hodgson	83
20	(4)	010400	SUTOSKY 18 (D,S) (Lord Matthews) I Matthews 8-10	N Carlisle	90
21	(18)	00000	MRS KAYDAGAWN 23 (Mrs J Hayter) R Armstrong 8-9	B Raymond	91
25	(3)	424300	REGENT LAD 19 (B) (F Tyldesley) Miss L Siddall 8-6	T Ives	92
29	(10)	300000	THE GREAT MATCH 13 (C,F) (N McAndrews) R Whitaker 8-5	D McKeown	91
30	(1)	032412	MISS SARAJANE 8 (C,F,G) (G Smyth) R Hollinshead 8-4	R Lappin (5)	● 99
32	(12)	043300	MR CHRIS CAKEMAKER 13 (P Davis) M Naughton 8-2	J Lowe	98
36	(17)	0-01000	STRAY NO MORE 107 (F) (Mrs L Webster) Mrs J Ramsden 7-11	T Williams	97

BETTING: 6-1 Later Edition, 7-1 Palais De Danse, 8-1 Mughtanim, Miss Sarajane, 9-1 Kate Is Best, Pitchfork, 10-1 Tropical Flower, Pharaoh Blue, 12-1 Miss Martinique, Mrs Kaydagawn, 14-1 others.

1986: THUNDERDOME 9-6 W Ryan (3-1 fav) O Douieb 16 ran

3.45 ELLERBY GRADUATION STAKES (3-Y-O: £1,963: 2m 115yd) (7 runners)

2	(5)	331420	INVASION 19 (B,S) (R Sangster) B Hills 9-7	Pat Eddery	● 99
5	(3)	0-00013	ROYAL ASTRONAUT 14 (D,S) (J Ross) G Moore 9-7	R Cochrane	84
7	(4)	100004	TEMPERABLE 8 (D,G) (M Tompkins) M Tompkins 9-7	G Carter	83
9	(6)	400123	TAYLOR CARES 15 (CD,G) (D Lamos) C Brittain 9-4	S Cauthen	81
10	(2)	40-000	CRYSTAL HAWK 18 (CD) (Prince A Salman) M Jarvis 9-0	B Raymond	81
11	(1)	002330	PENNY LOVER 26 (P Felgate) P Felgate 9-0	J Carroll (5)	86
12	(7)	000342	TEMPLE REEF 16 (Mrs A Ferguson) J Dunlop 9-0	T Ives	87

BETTING: 11-10 Invasion, 11-4 Temple Reef, 5-1 Temperable, 6-1 Taylor Cares, 10-1 Royal Astronaut, 20-1 Crystal Hawk, 33-1 Penny Lover.

1986: KAFARMO 9-0 G Starkey (9-4) G Harwood 7 ran

4.15 EBF EGTON MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,253: 6f) (26 runners)

1	(22)	0	ACAPULCO 22 (G Morley) R Whitaker 9-0	D McKeown	89
7	(7)	30230	DEE AND EM 30 (BF) (Mrs M Russell) W Pearce 9-0	J Carroll (5)	85
9	(11)	02	ERADICATE 51 (K MacPherson) P Calver 9-0	T Ives	94
11	(2)	000	GREY RUM 32 (P Lewis) W Pearce 9-0	D Nicholls	79
12	(14)	0	INDIAN BISHOP 15 (B) (W West) M Prescott 9-0	G Duffield	—
15	(6)	4	MARIANO 81 (D Montagu) J Dunlop 9-0	Pat Eddery	94
16	(5)	03	MASNUN 23 (BF) (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 9-0	S Cauthen	96
17	(25)	00	MATILDA'S GENERAL 15 (Mrs G Weston) J W Watts 9-0	A Mercer	87
18	(3)		NAMUS (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-0	R Hills	—
20	(8)	0	POODLE 8 (Lady Hesketh) M W Easterby 9-0	M Birch	—
22	(21)	20	SANTELLA JACK 50 (J Fisher) M Ryan 9-0	G Carter	98
23	(4)	0	SE-AO 33 (N Thomas) J W Watts 9-0	N Connorton	82
25	(10)	0	STAINCLIFFE LAD 22 (S Wilson) M W Easterby 9-0	M Hindley	—
26	(13)		STEINOR (W Nilsen) D Lee 9-0	S Morris	—
27	(26)		SWELL ROMANCE (Mrs R Watson) R Whitaker 9-0	K Bradshaw (5)	—
28	(20)	00	TIGER TIGER 71 (Mrs A Henson) M W Easterby 9-0	T Lucas	—
29	(12)	003	TOP ONE 13 (Elisha Holding) E Eldin 9-0	B Raymond	89
30	(18)	0	TRIBAL RULER 46 (J Singleton) D McCain 9-0	L Charnock	—
31	(15)	400	TWILIGHT FALLS 68 (C Smith) M Camacho 9-0	J Lowe	78
34	(1)	23	ALETTA MARIA 54 (Dr J Chandler) G Harwood 8-9	G Starkey	● 99
36	(9)	0	CLIPPER QUEEN 37 (I Allan) C Wall 8-9	M Giles	—
40	(19)	0	MAC'S SISTER 34 (J Fisher) M Ryan 8-9	N Day	—
42	(24)	0	MUSICAL MESSAGE 6 (Mrs A Harker) T Barron 8-9	M Wood	—
43	(16)		ORCHESTRION (G Reed) C Thornton 8-9	M Beecroft	—
44	(17)	33	PERSISTENT BELL 30 (Concorde Bloodstock Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-9	K Hodgson	85
46	(23)	002	PRIMA DOMINA 37 (P Wetzel) M Stoute 8-9	W R Swinburn	98

BETTING: 11-4 Prima Domina, 7-2 Aletta Maria, 4-1 Masnun, 5-1 Mariano, 6-1 Santella Jack, Namus, 14-1 Eradicate, 16-1 others.

1986: COLWAY RALLY 9-0 G Starkey (10-1) J W Watts 24 ran

4.45 REDCAR AUTUMN HANDICAP (£3,346: 6f) (26 runners)

3	(11)	00-0000	QUINTA REEF 111 (V,D,G) (F Lee) F H Lee 4-9-10	S Perks	90
5	(7)	030200	THE DEVIL'S MUSIC 9 (D,F) (D Faulkner) N Bycroft 3-9-10	D Nicholls	93
6	(14)	2-100	MUNAWAR 23 (BF,F) (H Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 3-9-9	M Roberts	95
7	(15)	301210	SKY CAT 34 (D,G) (R Whalley) J Wilson 3-9-9	W R Swinburn	95
8	(24)	030421	MAYOR 22 (D,F,S) (Full Circle Plc) N Tinkler 4-9-9	Kim Tinkler	93
9	(6)	000002	THE MAZALL 32 (CD,F,G) (Mrs G Smith) Miss L Siddall 7-9-8	T Ives	95
10	(10)	010041	YOUNG SNUGFIT 8 (CD,F,S) (A Greenwood) M W Easterby 3-9-8	T Lucas	95
11	(1)	333000	AS SHARP 11 (Capt M Lemos) C Brittain 3-9-7	S Cauthen	91
13	(17)	100000	SULLY'S CHOICE 25 (CD,F,G,S) (W Chapman) D Chapman 6-9-6	J Carroll (5)	97
14	(9)	134000	AFRABELA 9 (CD,F) (A Wragg) M Brittain 3-9-6	K Darley	92
20	(5)	000410	IMPERIAL SUNRISE 5 (B,C,D,F) (A Dickman) M W Easterby 4-8-12	—	88
22	(4)	U31000	SHARLIE'S WIMPY 22 (D,F,G) (R Jelley) W Pearce 8-8-12	G Widger (7)	98
24	(23)	021003	MANDRAKE MADAM 9 (F,S) (D Knights) Denys Smith 4-8-12	T Quinn	93
25	(20)	320100	FAWLEY'S GIRL 9 (D,F,G) (Mrs J Lowe) R Hollinshead 5-8-10	G Hind (7)	93
27	(26)	030000	MENDICK ADVENTURE 5 (D,F) (D Pike) Denys Smith 6-8-10	B Raymond	93
28	(21)	30-0000	SHARPHAVEN 4 (D,F) (M Brittain) M Brittain 3-8-9	A Munro (7)	—
29	(8)	013000	CORNCHARM 43 (D,F,S) (M Brittain) M Brittain 6-8-9	A Barclay	96
30	(2)	000004	BREAKFAST IN BED 8 (C Rennison) W Haigh 4-8-7	R Cochrane	95
31	(18)	340000	SHANOUSKA 8 (D,S) (A Fowler) J S Wilson 7-8-7	—	92
32	(12)	00000-0	SEQUESTRATOR 64 (F) (G Nunn) W Musson 4-8-6	M Wigham	93
33	(25)	400003	TANIAS DAD 30 (V) (P O'Donnell) C Spares 4-8-5	Pat Eddery	93
34	(19)	400100	MISTER MARCH 22 (D,F,G) (T Blake) R Hutchinson 4-8-5	G Baxter	● 99
38	(3)	000000	VILMAX 7 (E Gethin) B McMahon 4-7-9	T Williams	96
40	(16)	40-0000	HOPTONS CHANCE 84 (R Churm) C Bell 5-7-7	J Quinn	—
41	(22)	300003	MANABEL 5 (B,D,F) (A Ripley) S Bowring 5-7-7	A Proud	94
43	(13)	000400	GUTSY 25 (Mrs A Jones) H Jones 4-7-7	P Hill	80

BETTING: 6-1 Young Snugfit, 7-1 Munawar, 8-1 Mister March, Mayor, 9-1 Sky Cat, 10-1 The Mazall, Sully's Choice, 12-1 Afrabela, Imperial Sunrise, 14-1 Mandrake Madam, Sharlie's Wimpy, 16-1 others.

1986: NAGEM 3-7-11 P Hill (10-1) L Barratt 28 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS

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L Cumani	18	42	42.9
G Harwood	16	45	35.6
M Stoute	17	49	34.7
H T Jones	21	92	22.8
M Prescott	18	84	21.4
J Watts	20	156	12.8

JOCKEYS

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G Starkey	11	34	32.4
R Hills	14	74	18.9
W Ryan	21	116	18.1
B Raymond	11	66	16.7
G Duffield	38	261	14.6
T Ives	17	127	13.4

Leicester results

Going: soft

1.45 (1m 2f) 1. **ABSINTHE** (R Guest, 11-2); 2. **Pelumica** (T Quinn, 11-2); 3. **Celcius** (T Ives, 2-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 8 Mayspark (4th), Pipiola, 14 Flight Won O Won (5th), Folly Gale (6th), Soriano, Spats Columbo, 33 Kalamkan (pu), Ribobambino. 11 ran. NR: Regal Rhythm. 8l, ½l, 2½l, 8l, 3l. D Morley at Newmarket. Tote: £14.90; £4.70, £1.50, £1.20. DF: £44.40. CSF: £33.44.

2.15 (7f) 1. **RAYKOUR** (R Cochrane, 11-10 fav; **Michael Seely's nap and Private Handicapper's top rating**); 2. **Count Nulin** (W Ryan, 10-1); 3. **Touch For Luck** (B Raymond, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Silk Mill (5th), 9-2 Forest Flame, 12 Illuminant (4th), 25 Levisham, Firework William, Tulsa Flyer Encore (6th), 50 Battleplan, Bidston Mill, Graemarr Boy, Handsome Swallow, Jade Star, My Dragonfly, Rumon, Tot Of Rye (9 0 G Duffield). 17 ran. ¾l, 7l, 2l, 1½l, 1½l. L Cumani at Newmarket. Tote: £1.90; £1.40, £3.50, £6.60. DF: £99.40. CSF: £14.22.

2.45 (1m 2f) 1. **GOODWYNS LAD** (B Raymond, 12-1); 2. **Hockley** (B Rouse, 8-1); 3. **Tawny Hawk** (J Williams, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Say You Will, 4 Sixty Minutes (5th), 9-2 Honey Plum, 8 Marquee Cafe (6th), 10 Joanne's Style, 16 Henrietta Place, 20 Dawn Romp (4th), 33 Young Island, Keel. 12 ran. 3l, 2l, 2l, 2½l, 1½l. M Jarvis at Newmarket. Tote: £36.10; £6.80, £2.10, £2.70. DF: £68.30. CSF: £100.97.

3.15 (1m) 1. **DAYAJEER** (R Hills, 13-8 fav; **Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap**); 2. **Lily Mab** (Gay Kelleway, 11-1); 3. **Tufty Lady** (S Cauthen, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Norfolk Breeze, 5 Echo Valley, 9 Dunninald, 12 Salazie (4th), 20 Safarel, 25 Watered Silk, 33 Flitteriss Park, Jenny Mere (5th), Tino Reppin (6th). 12 ran. Nk, 6l, 2l, 5l, ½l. H Thomson Jones at Newmarket. Tote: £2.70; £1.30, £1.20, £4.20. DF: £13.00. CSF: £20.80.

3.45 (1m) 1. **LORD THATCH** (W Newnes, 5-1); 2. **Grumble** (J Reid, 20-1); 3. **Persian Dynasty** (D McKay, 12-1); 4. **Ready Wit** (L Jones, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Double Dealer (6th), 8 Auntie Sybil, Stars In Motion, 10 Giving It All Away, 12 Red River Boy, 14 By Chance, Hello Smithy, 20 Cloudless Sky, Semis, 25 No Credibility, 50 Denitz, Dorset Venture, Silk Thread (5th), Tip-Tap, Mr Kewmill, Master-Blow, Another Lucas, Wolverness. 22 ran. NR: Miracles Take Time, Worthy Prince. 3l, sh hd, 2l, ½l, ½l. J Jefferson at Malton. Tote: £6.40; £1.40, £10.70, £3.30, £4.00. DF: £240.60. CSF: £94.78. Tricast: £1,049.02.

4.15 (6f) 1. **REALLY GORGEOUS** (K Darley, 9-2); 2. **Leacyn** (A Culhane, 16-1); 3. **Pardonnez Moi** (L Jones, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Pendine Sands (5th), 9-2 Viceroy Jester (4th), 13-2 Sunday Sport Boy, 7 Whistling Tiger (6th), 14 Bay Wolf Tiger, 20 Bloxwich Princess, 33 Involved Again, Castle Jester, Anstey Boy, Kingswift, Chesil, Silver Arch, Speedy Snaps Lad, Maison Bleu. 17 ran. NR: High Incision, May Pin. 1l, 2½l, 2½l, 1½l, 1l. M Brittain at Warthill. Tote: £6.00; £3.10, £2.40, £19.00. DF: £16.60. CSF: £64.72.

4.45 (6f) 1. **FILLE D'ESPRIT** (R Hills, 10-1); 2. **Lady Lustre** (G Carter, 16-1); 3. **Rob De Ville** (T Quinn, 16-1). ALSO RAN. 11-4 fav Golden Fantasy, 6 Brilliant Future, 7 Sundowner, 8 Dappled Flag (5th), Marchman, 14 Sovereign Swallow, 16 Lady Columbine (4th), Upwardly Mobile, 20 Pensive Beauty, Rumtree, Tough Cookie (6th), 33 Chief Hotfoot, Ohbee, One Heart, Sarmad, Gail's Crystal. 19 ran. ¾l, 1½l, ½l, 4l, ½l. W Haggas at Newmarket. Tote: £16.60; £5.60, £13.60, £10.40. DF: £4.60 (winner or 2nd with any other). CSF: £158.98.

5.15 (7f) 1. **BUZZARDS CREST** (M Rimmer, 33-1); 2. **Festive Touch** (G Starkey, Evens fav); 3. **Durzi** (Pat Eddery, 8-1). ALSO RAN. 5-2 Gulf Palace (6th), 20 Mauritius, Right Step, Thomas Leng (5th), 50 Threeoutoffour. 10 ran. NR. Nikitas. ½l, 1l, 2½l, 1½l, ½l. H Collingridge at Newmarket. Tote: £207.70; £16.30, £1.10, £3.10. DF: £115.00. CSF: £68.82.

Placepot: £157.95

Fontwell Park

Going: soft

2.0 (2m 2f hdle) 1. **MATBAR** (G McCourt, 11-1); 2. **Vandenberg** (J White, 2-1 fav); 3. **Kamadoor** (R Guest, 33-1). ALSO RAN 9-4 Crystal Song (f) 7 Willow Gorge (4th), 11 Idle Matinee (f), 12 Blushing Spy, Improvise (f), 20 The Wooden Hut, 25 Picadilly Lord (5th), 33 Bective Boy, Crimson Imp, Greer, Common Accord, Lightning Byte, Hi' Upham, Humble Lady (6th), Sagarena, The Furnituremaker. 19 ran. NR: Musket Wet. 6l, 1l, 4l, 15l, 1½l. I Matthews at Newmarket. Tote. £9.00; £2.30, £1.70, £11.60. DF: £9.30. CSF: £30.60. After a stewards' inquiry the result stood

2.30 (3m 2f 110yd ch) 1. **GOLDEN FRIEND** (D Browne, 8-15 fav, **Mandarin's nap**); 2. **Little Polveir** (T Morgan, 4-1); 3. **Colonel Christy** (G McCourt, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 14 Fast Escape (pu), 33 Donaghmoyne (4th), Swift Current (5th). 6 ran. 10l, 12l, not recorded. Mrs M Rimell at Kinnersley. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £1.90 DF: £2.10. CSF: £3.01.

3.0 (2m 2f hdle) 1. **DOWNSVIEW LADY** (G Moore, 4-1); 2. **Tropical Boy** (M Furlong, 8-1); 3. **Dinner Suit** (S Sherwood, 5-1) ALSO RAN 9-4 fav Connemara Daw (4th), 11-2 Apres Ski (pu), 14 Prince Mac, 20 Red Sky At Night (5th), 25 Going Easy, Telegraph Folly (6th), 50 Hugo A Gogo (pu). 10 ran. NR: Auction Groupie. ½l, ¾l, 1l, 12l, 4l. A Moore at Brighton. Tote: £4.50; £1.10 £2.80, £2.50. DF: £16.70 CSF: £32.18. No bid for winner.

3.30 (2m 4f ch) 1. **HIGHLAND CARDINAL** (A Webb, 9-2); 2. **Coyor** (Judy Blakeney, 20-1); 3. **Mister Christain** (P Nicholls, 9-4 fav). ALSO RAN. 9-2 Rodger Dell, 5 Booths Boy (f), 8 Devil's Arrow (4th), 14 Master Brabinger (6th), Noble Eyre (5th), 33 Thirty Acre. 9 ran. 1½l, 1½l, ½l, 5l, 4l. C Weedon at Chiddingfold. Tote £4.20; £1.50, £3.80, £1.60. DF: £30.70. CSF £71.57.

4.0 (2m 2f hdle) 1. **INDIAN ORATOR** (Dale McKeown, 7-1); 2. **Windbound Lass** (N Coleman, 9-2); 3. **Fingest** (A Webb, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 fav Prasina Matia (5th), 5 Pactolus (pu), 6 Prairie Oyster (pu), 10 Brent Riverside (4th), Pragada (6th), 66 Popthorn (pu) 9 ran. 2l, 1½l, 20l, ½l, 1½l. R Akehurst at Epsom. Tote. £6.30; £2.70, £1.70, £2.90. DF: £41.90. CSF: £34.90 Tricast. £282.49

4.30 (2m 2f 110yd ch) 1. **CRESUN** (Mr T Thomson Jones, 6-1); 2. **Boardmans Style** (Mr D O Sullivan, 2-1 fav); 3. **Sir Lester** (Mr T Jones, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Kingswood Kitchens (f), 8 Infielder 12 More One Way (pu), 16 Grateful Heir (4th), 20 Silent Echo (6th), 25 Bright Arrow (pu), 33 Mercy Less (5th), 50 Salmon Spinner (f), Touralong, Fading Dawn (ur). 13 ran. NR. Wingetts Awning. 2½l, 15l, 3l, nk, 6l. Mrs L Clay at Arundel. Tote: £7.40; £1.90, £1.60, £2.10 DF. £4.80 CSF: £16.70. Tricast: £95.12.

Placepot: £60.05

Sedgefield

Going: good to Soft.

2.0 (2m 4f hdle) 1. **Standon Mill** (M Hammond, 4-6 fav); 2. Crack-A-Jim (7-1); 3. Saddam (10-1). 18 ran. 10l, 4l. G Moore. Tote £1.90; £1.10, £1.80, £3.90. DF: £4.20. CSF: £8.61.

2.30 (2m hdle) 1. **Hobournes** (P Harte, 20-1); 2. Mr Gardiner (5-4 fav); 3. Bute Bouquet (25-1). 9 ran NR Senor Romana, Pans Match. 3l, 5l. H Wharton. Tote: £85.40, £11.70, £1.20, £4.30. DF: £31.70. CSF: £45.76.

3.0 (2m 4f ch) 1. **Trailing Rose** (P Niven, 20-1); 2. Travelowen (6-4 fav); 3. Rejuvenator (11-2). 6 ran. nk, 12l. Mrs G Reveley. Tote: £25.90 £4.80, £1.60. DF: £18.20. CSF: £47.58

3.30 (3m 600yd ch) 1. **Prince Metternich** (C Dennis, 5-4 fav). 2. Pampering (9-1); 3. Nite Of Spring (25-1). 11 ran NR. Conway Grove. 6l, 20l C J Bell Tote: £2.50, £1.50, £1.80, £4.20. DF £12.80. CSF: £12.78.

4.0 (3m 600yd hdle) 1. **Triangolo** (A Merrigan, 4-1); 2. Demi John (13-2), 3. Siberian Dancer (2-1 fav). 12 ran. NR: Christo, Fair Echo. 10l, 2½l. W A Stephenson Tote £5.10; £1.50, £1.70, £1.30. DF £7.60 CSF £29.44

4.30 (2m 4f hdle) 1. **Edward's Corner** (S Turner, 50-1), 2. Stay On Tracks (7-1); 3. Special Settlement (12-1). Avoport 9-4 fav. 9 ran. NR. Raisabillion. 2l, 4l. J Dooler Tote: £42.30; £8.10, £2.90, £2.00. DF. £70.70. CSF £326.00. Tricast: £4,031.55.

Placepot: £52.50

Blinkered first time

REDCAR: 3.15 Regent Lad. 4.15 Indian Bishop. 4.45 Quinta Reef.

● The unbeaten Salse, trained by Henry Cecil, is 5-4 favourite with the sponsors for the William Hill Futurity Stakes at Doncaster on Saturday. Hills then offer 4-1 Alwuhush, 7-1 Emmson, 10-1 Patenier, Zelphi, 14-1 Ilishpour, Sheriff's Star, 20-1 others.

Hitting upon the right tactics

From Simon Barnes
St Louis

We Brits have somehow gained the impression that American sport is a wonderful world of slickness, a miracle of organization, a place in which all the traditional confusions and anomalies of sport in Britain have been eradicated.

But last night, the Minnesota Twins went out against the St Louis Cardinals (a team named for a rather jolly scarlet bird that hangs about round here) with a man who had not batted since 1983. Was it the wild over-confidence of a team that has gone 2-0 up in the best-of-seven World Series? No, it is the designated-hitter question, and the Twins' manager, Tom Kelly, has been puzzling it out and wondering how he is going to cope.

In the World Series the American League winners play the National League winners. In 1973, the American League decided to introduce the designated hitter. Pitchers are traditionally every bit as good a bat as Bob Willis. In the belief that big hits are better box-office, they decided to introduce a man to bat for the pitcher, a man who did not field. It makes a nice job for an ageing hitter, or one carrying an injury.

But the National League sticks to tradition: nine-a-side, every man takes the field and every man bats. In Minneapolis, the first two games were played under American League rules. Now we have moved south along the Mississippi, and in Busch stadium, St Louis, we changed to the National League's customs.

It was all changed last year: previously a designated hitter would be allowed in all games of the series on alternate years. This system is better: it is reckoned to be more consistently unfair, anyway. Les Straker was the starting pitcher for the Twins last night. He could remember batting, when pressed, from four years ago. "I used to bunt the ball and hoped to move the men on the bases," he said, a bunt being a shot in which you allow the ball to hit the bat, rather than take a swing. You are likely to get yourself out at first base (a "sacrifice bunt") but it can move men and be an effective ploy. "I just don't know about batting," Straker added confidingly.

The lack of a designated hitter brings its complications for the manager and with it all the bewildering tactical questions that baseball people love to discuss every bit as much as cricket watchers. You can substitute as much as you like in baseball, but once substituted, the man is out of the game.

You can take your pitcher out, and play a batter instead, and after he has batted bring in your relief pitcher. The batter who appeared so briefly was a pinch hitter. The Cardinals might have two pitchers on the field at once, with Todd Worrell taking a turn in the outfield: as long as he plays he can return to the pitcher's mound.

The tactical options in the National League game are considerable. "They are two different games," the Detroit manager, Sparky Anderson, insisted. "One league plays soccer, the other rugby. I have managed in both leagues, and the toughest job is to manage in the National League."

Kelly has never managed without a designated hitter, in major or minor leagues. "If I've got to pinch hit, I'll pinch hit. It's not a big deal," he said. Others disagree. He is likely to need more of his pitching staff in any one game in St Louis and could come unstuck. The third was all set to be a crucial game: one win and the Cardinals would be, as they would say, right back in it. One defeat and the Red Birds are dead birds.

The Cardinals, it is agreed, have an outstanding bullpen — this being the rather unsavoury term for the back-up pitching staff. The Twins have some great pitchers, but less strength in depth. And the starting pitcher last night was the man who pitched the Twins' only losing game in the play-offs.

With a designated hitter, all a manager has to do is to gauge when his pitcher's arm is weakening and then swap him for a relief pitcher. Without, there is an infinitude of variables. It is like moving from a car with automatic transmission to a manual, someone suggested.

The advantage switches to St Louis. To be 2-0 down is not the end of the series. The Twins' away record is pretty dreadful: 31 wins and 53 defeats. And teams have come back from 2-0 down in the World Series before: ask the Cardinals. They blew a 2-0 lead in 1985.

It has happened nine times in all: the most recent time was last year. Oh, and it happened in 1965. Los Angeles Dodgers lost the first two and won in seven games. Their opponents then? Minnesota.

Yankees send for Martin

New York (Reuter) — The New York Yankees have hired controversial Billy Martin as manager for an unprecedented fifth time, George Steinbrenner, the Yankees' principal owner, said. Martin, who has a "bad-boy" reputation, won the pennant for the Yankees in 1976 and the World Series in 1977.

Woody Woodward has been dismissed as general manager and is replaced by Lou Piniella, who managed the side for the last two seasons. The Yankees finished fourth in the American League East this year.

RUGBY UNION: THE AMERICANS, ROOKIES AND EXILES ALIKE, ARE OUT TO MAKE AN IMPRESSION ON THEIR WELSH TOUR

Eagles aim to carry out lessons of the World Cup

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The American tour of Wales, which begins today against Breconshire and ends with a full international against Wales on November 7, is the first opportunity for the United States to put into practice the lessons they learned during the World Cup.

"After the cup we analysed where we have been these last 12 years (the US national union was formed in 1975) and what we could do on our own behalf, rather than merely imitating other people," Bob Watkins, the tour manager, said. "We want to apply sports science to the game, to our fitness and conditioning programmes, to increase athleticism within the game and attract better players."

When the union began, rugby in the United States drew some 75 per cent of its players from American football. Now it is nearer 25 per cent, a reflection of the way the game has sprawled across North America, in some 1,750 clubs — many of them consisting of only one or two teams, owing to the American desire to play sport at first-team level.

The Eagles' World Cup squad contained a large proportion of players over 20, several of whom have now retired though one, Fred Panli, the prop, captains the party in Wales. The average age of the present party has, however, dropped three years to 26 and includes a handful of players who represented English clubs before emigrating: Mark Williams, the Wasps utility back who played for the London Division against New Zealand in 1983, returns as a representative of the Aspen club while Gary Townsend, a wing, played with Bath and Mike Calder with Liverpool.

All told there are 11 World Cup squad members in the party which, in Watkins's opinion, is equal or superior to that which played in Australia. "The World Cup gave the rugby community a tremendous focal point," Watkins, who was born in Talywain before his family emigrated when he was eight years old, said.

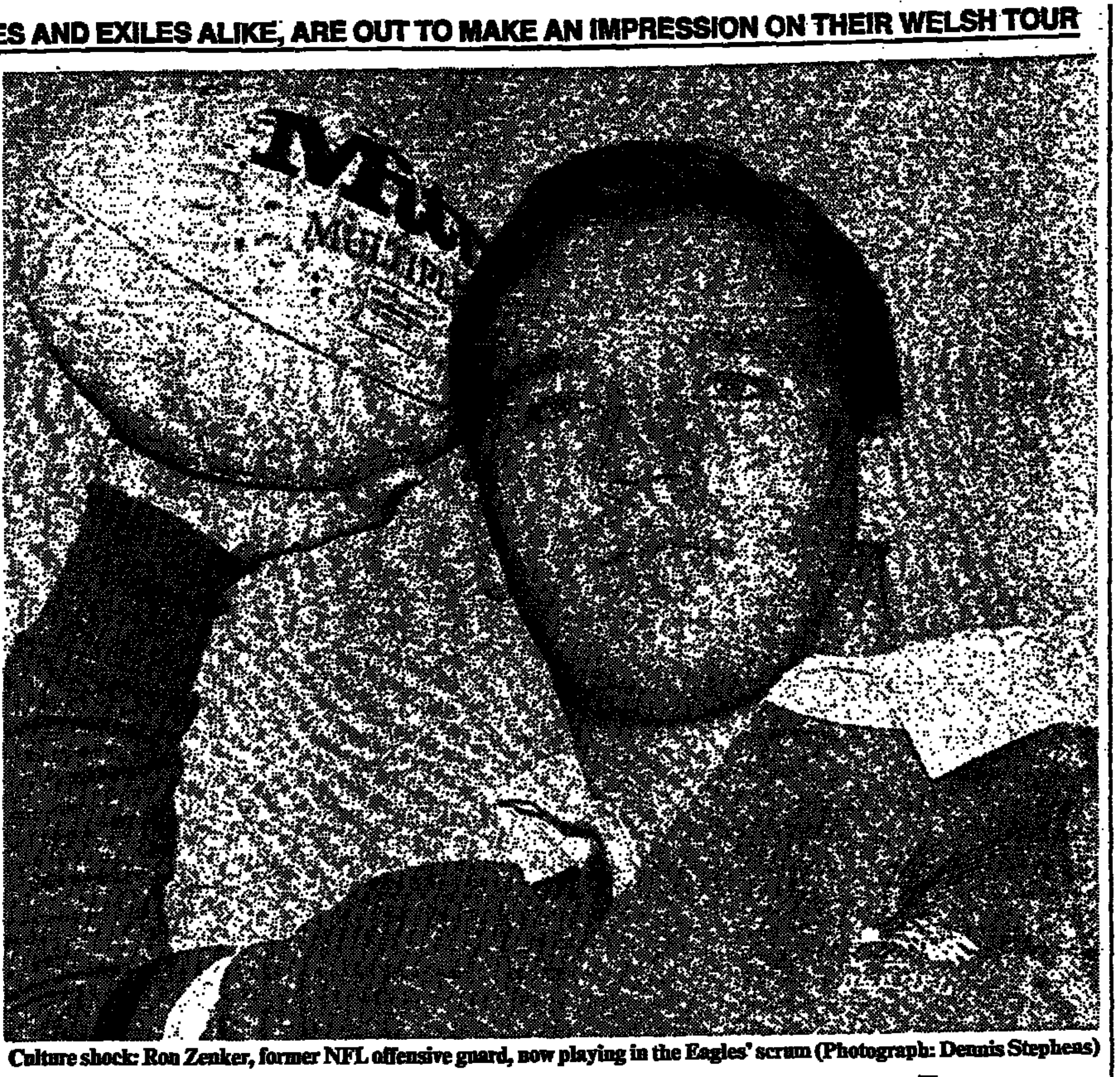
"The 10 hours of rugby shown on television were more than we have ever had. American sportsmen are driven towards a championship activity such as that and the public is getting a little tired of the professional sports scene."

Such exposure has helped with the United States sponsorship programme: the tour is sponsored by the Midland Bank but the Americans would not have been able to make their second visit to Britain (the first was to England 10 years ago) without the help of H. J. Heinz, who provided both financial and public relations assistance before the World Cup and have done the sale for this tour, prompted by Tony O'Reilly, the former Ireland and British Lions wing who has been such a driving force for Heinz over the last decade.

This tour should also help significantly in terms of preparation for the annual Can-Am game against Canada in Victoria, which takes place a week after the tour ends. An indication of how the Eagles may fare will be seen in Brecon this afternoon when Jeremy Pugh, the Wales B prop, leads the champion Welsh county against the tourists with three internationals — Mark Wyatt (Swansea), Alun Donovan (Cardiff) and Huw Richards (Neath) — to help him.

The Americans have worked hard at their scrummaging, which is where England beat them so convincingly in Australia, and hope to train at Pontypool next Monday when Ray Prosser will cast a knowing eye over them. Though they have some talented backs, such as Kevin Higgins at centre and Gary Hein on the wing, they are likely to play a limited game until they have developed unity and confidence.

ITINERARY: October 21, v Breconshire; 24 v Ebbw Vale; 28 v Glamorgan Wanderers; 31 v Neath; November 3 v Pembrokeshire; 7 v Wales.



Culture shock: Ron Zenker, former NFL offensive guard, now playing in the Eagles' scrum (Photograph: Dennis Stephens)

From a Saint to the second row

By Mick Cleary

Ron Zenker is the all-American boy with the all-American name now playing the all-English game of rugby football. Last year he was rough, tough and mean as offensive guard for the New Orleans Saints in the choreographed warfare of American football. This year he is still rough, tough and mean but in a more discreet, refined manner as a second-row forward for the American Eagles, whose six-match tour of Wales begins in Brecon today.

It is a change of culture as much as of rules. Out go the glitzy Jean Collins shoulder pads: in come the Bill Beaumont mud-spattered sweatbands. Out go the computer-coded calls of the the play book: in comes the plain and simple "get your backside down and shove".

Zenker's presence in the Eagles' squad is testimony to the dynamic approach of the American Rugby Union, whose aim is to attract the country's top athletes to the sport. When Zenker failed to make this season's roster for New Orleans, Bob Watkins, a founding member of the United States board and present tour manager, was quick to move.

"Ron is typical of the kind of guy we need. He's big, 6ft 4in and 18½ stones — and obviously supremely strong. Our success against Japan in the World Cup is proof of our improving standard. There are now some 200,000 people playing the game in the States."

The attractions of Rugby Union are twofold, the social camaraderie — fraternizing with your opponents in professional American football is a subject to a fine — and the more fluid nature of the game itself. Zenker had some difficulty in adapting. "My fitness was so specialized — I was trained just for 10 seconds of street fighting — but I couldn't cope with the more aerobic stamina-orientated nature of rugby. I'm certainly relieved when we get to a set-piece."

Quite rightly Zenker refuses to make direct comparisons between the sports — which is the better, the more violent and so on — pointing out that they are completely different in format and style. The myriad techniques involved in rugby have posed some problems, however.

"My tackling was a mess to start with. I used to hit everyone with my head. Without the helmet I soon realized the stupidity of doing it that way. I've also learned that in rugby you just can't be so reckless. I don't have any trouble getting someone down but I've a tendency to bear hug them to the ground. At other times I'd even inadvertently tackle them off the ball. I'll learn."

One of the most enjoyable things he has experienced is actually holding a ball. In 15 years of hard labour on the American football field he rarely got his giant mitts on the ball. He threatens a "high-five" — the whooping and slapping of hands on scoring — should he ever actually have the delight of crossing for a try. A tap penalty five metres out might provide a useful opportunity to do so.

Zenker is acutely aware of his own deficiencies but given the tremendous drive of the American set-up it is unlikely he will remain a rookie for long. Bob Watkins is dedicated to establishing the sport in America as a serious pursuit, to which end he set up a scheme to encourage companies, such as Tony O'Reilly's Heinz, to react favourably to having rugby players in the company. "If it's not a paradox," Watkins says, "I sell them amateurism, i.e., that all my men will be self-motivated, disciplined and highly ambitious for the right reasons."

And so it seems. So keen are the class of '87 that two days ago, on the morning that the rest of Wales had to snorkel their way to work, they put in an extra two hours on their scheduled training sessions. Up to their knees in mud, these Eagles certainly knew they had landed.

Lesson lies in Continental solutions to transfer abuse

By Chris Than

Now the Courage Clubs Championship is in full flow in England and the launch of a national league is planned in Wales, the movement of players between clubs in both countries is likely to become a contentious issue.

The experience of countries such as France, Italy and Romania, where the league structure has been the foundation of the game from its early days, suggests that transfer regulations are needed to protect the game and its amateur ethos.

It is natural for talented players to switch clubs in an attempt to fulfil their ability and ambitions. This is, in fact, the role of a league system — to find talent and promote it. But this suction effect of the pyramidal structure of a league could be open to abuse if it is not properly regulated by a well-balanced set of rules.

The French were the first to introduce a transfer system in an attempt to regulate the flow of players from the lower ranks of their championship to the top, as well as between senior clubs. The French transfer system is cumbersome, but it has proved effective in preventing a large-scale abuse of the system.

Players hold playing licences of various colours. The green licence — the most sought-after — allows players total freedom in playing for the first team of the chosen club. The red licence is the most restrictive. It qualifies the holders for the second team of the club — for a full season — which is a quarantine usually associated with foreign internationals wishing to join first division clubs in France.

There are intermediate colours and letters that allow varying degrees of freedom. The licence, which registers the player with the Federation, is also his personal insurance and contains a medical card.

To change clubs, players need the permission of their original club and the blessing of the transfer commission of the Federation.

Jean-Charles Orso, the French international lock forward, left his club, Nice, without the permission of the committee. He spent half a season with Toulon, his new club, on the touchline, and only the intervention of Albert Ferrasse, the president of the French Rugby Federation (FFR), has given him a chance to play in the second leg of the championship.

The case of the former international centre, Laurent Pardo, has also become famous. He has played for five clubs in as many years and recently applied for a transfer from Montferrand. According to the president of the FFR's technical commission, Charles Durand, this could be the last time the body would allow Pardo to carry on with his "gypsy-like" lifestyle.

The French are also aware that there is a need to tighten up the rules governing the transfer market for foreign players. Their game has been invaded by a "Foreign Legion" from places as far apart as the United States, the Ivory Coast, Poland, Morocco, New Zealand, England, Australia and South Africa.

France, until recently, treated their foreign players quite liberally but now might be tempted to follow the example of the Italian Federation and introduce draconian rules to regulate the transfer market.

The Italians do not allow more than one foreign player per club and their transfer regulations for Italian players are harsh.

Italian rugby has been spared the mayhem that rules Italian football, yet it is an open secret that "incentives" offered by top Italian clubs have tempted players of the calibre of Kirwan and Crowley (New Zealand) and Louw, Naas Botha and Visagie (South Africa) to spend one or several seasons in Italy.

Virtually every European country with a competitive league structure has introduced some form of transfer regulations to prevent abuses and achieve a balance between the rights of individual players and the needs of the clubs.

Burke gets support from club

Although Blackheath bowed to the wishes of the Rugby Football Union at the weekend and withdrew Brad Burke, their Australian scrum half, from the team who played London Scottish in a division two league game, the RFU have not heard the last of the affair (David Hands writes).

Ian Lewis, Blackheath's president, will write a strong letter on the club's behalf to the union, reflecting their anger with a poorly worded regulation that failed to express the RFU's intention when the Courage Clubs Championship rules were drawn up. "I don't think it's realistic to expect them to change their decision in the time-scale available, although we will try." Lewis said.

"After all, this is a decision of the full RFU committee. I can't see it being reversed in time to allow us to play Burke against Redruth in the Cup on Saturday, or in the two league games we have left before his eligibility period will be up anyway.

"If we had wanted to bring matters to a head we would have played Burke last Saturday and would then have been hauled before the RFU committee and, possibly, penalized."

Since no precedent has been established, it seems likely that other clubs with non-international overseas players will also abide by the three-month eligibility rule for championship matches.

Pomphrey is fit to face Barbarians

By David Hands

Nigel Pomphrey, the Bristol lock forward and captain who has been out of the game with a back injury, trained on Monday night and declared himself fit for this evening's match against the Barbarians, the playing highlight of his club's centenary season.

He will be joined in the side by Simon Hogg, who replaces Richard Tainton at stand-off half against a Barbarians team somewhat changed from its original conception. Elgan Rees, the veteran Neath wing who retains such a sprightly pace, replaces the unavailable Matt Duncan and Richard Lee, the uncapped Bath prop, comes in for David Young (Swansea).

Lee knows exactly what to expect, having played against the same Bristol front row for his club at the weekend when he was on the winning side. Behind him he will have the services of John Orwin and David Waters, rather than the original choices at lock, Wade Dooley and Robert Norster.

Another guest side takes the field today when the Penguins play a Past and Present Cambridge University XV at Grange Road. The university's results suggest they need some reinforcement, though the Penguins field a XV noted for youth and enthusiasm rather than great strength.

Vince Cannon, the Northampton lock, leads a side including internationals in Gary Pearce, Brian Moore, Gary Rees and Bryan Barley, with the very promising Steve Hackney — now at Loughborough University — on one wing and Ardel Kardooni, late of Sherborne School and now with Wasps, at scrum half.

Oxford University, after a break at the weekend, resume against Leicester still without the services of David Kirk, the New Zealand scrum half and captain. Kirk tore shoulder muscles a month ago playing in New Zealand.

In the meantime, Oxford have moved one of their other internationals, Brendan Mullin, to his regular position at centre and introduce a Welsh freshman, Eugene Eden, at stand-off half against Leicester, who will themselves be without Dean Richards and John Wells, both playing for the Barbarians.

The Royal Navy, undefeated last season, begin their representative season against Hampshire at Portsmouth, led by Chris Alcock, who will also be doing duty for Cornwall in the county championship this season.

BARBARIANS (v Bristol): P Thorburn (Neath and Wales); E Rees (Neath and Wales), S Halliday (Bath and England), B Bowen (South Wales Police and Wales), I Tukalo (Selkirk and Scotland); A Clement (Swansea), R Jones (Swansea and Wales); D Sole (Edinburgh Academicals and Scotland), A Phillips (Cardiff and Wales), R Lee (Bath), J Wells (Leicester), J Orwin (Bedford and England), D Waters (Newport and Wales), F Calder (Stewart's Melville FP and Scotland), D Richards (Leicester and England).

CYCLING

The rocky road that lies ahead

By Peter Bryan

This is the beginning of cycling's winter of discontent. There is unhappiness about the future among officials, there are difficult times ahead for amateur and professional riders and a question mark alongside the level of sponsorship for 1988. If all the problems were to erupt at the same time, there cold be a schism in the sport second only to that which accompanied the introduction of road racing in 1942.

The likelihood of troubled days ahead emerged a year ago when the British Cycling Federation (BCF) gave formal notice to the Road Time Trials Council (RTTC) to terminate, at the end of this month, the joint agreement between the two bodies which, basically, sets out who controls what and has a common policy that each organization recognizes the other's suspensions. First signed in 1964, the agreement was intended to remain in force for 80 years.

The BCF and RTTC differ in purpose and structure, yet the majority of cycling clubs are affiliated to both organizations.

The Federation is the country's only cycling body with international recognition and its principle domestic function is to control road and track racing but also offers a touring and legal service to its members. There is one jewel missing from its crown: unpaced road time trials which, under the joint agreement, are within the remit of the Council. This form of cycling requires riders to time trial alone and unassisted generally over distances of 10, 25, 30, 50 and 100 miles and for 12 or 24 hours.

Unlike the BCF, the RTTC issues no racing licences and has no individual members but comprises some 900 affiliated clubs and, with the exception of a paid national secretary, functions through unpaid officials.

Thus, on the one hand, is the BCF with worldwide clout offering its members the "glamour" of racing on the road — under Government regulations and with Police permission — and international competition. On the other hand are the thousands of cyclists who regularly time trial at unsociable hours such as 6 a.m., before too much traffic is on the road.

Elliott: foreign contract

This month's divorce between the BCF and the RTTC will be the breeding ground of ill feeling between club members who may have opposing interests and loyalties. The BCF says that it is not seeking a confrontation that could damage the sport as a whole; all it wants is the right for its members to organize and to compete in all types of events — including time trials.

The professional class is in an equally unsatisfactory state, even though it can look back on its most successful season. Their governing body, the Professional Cycling Association (PCA) is suffering from internal strife and faces next year without Malcolm Elliott, Joey McLoughlin and Adrian Timis, who will race for foreign teams. The PCA's relationship is not always cordial with the BCF, under whose rules their events are held.

And for the amateurs, the Olympic year will not allow many of them to enjoy a thorough but relaxed build-up for Seoul. All but a handful exist on minimal grants of a few hundred pounds. Parents estimate that it costs them an extra £4,000 a year to keep a rider in the Olympic squad. Some riders have already opted to become professional to gain independence and others lucky enough to find a sponsor will follow during the next few months.

BOXING

A champion's style shown by Hodkinson

Paul Hodkinson, the Liverpool featherweight, looked like a future British champion as he knocked out Tomás Arguelles, of Panama, in the sixth round of their Ulster Hall bout in Belfast.

For sheer elegance in style and textbook delivery of wicked combination punches, the 22-year-old boxer, from Kirby, cannot be bettered at the moment.

Arguelles, taller by two inches, held him to a draw last July in Panama City, but in this rerun, Hodkinson, unbeaten in eight contests, had him battling for survival from early in the second round.

He wobbled the Panamanian repeatedly with punches to the head, cut his right eye in the fourth round, then finished him off with a left hook to the chin in two minutes and 40 seconds of the sixth.

Hodkinson said: "I was too anxious last time and made some mistakes. This time everything was right and I'm very pleased with this performance.

"I needed a good win to keep in line for a British title shot and I'm hoping that will come along early next year after I've had a couple more contests," he added.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

European Cup
Second round, first leg

Rangers v Gornik Zabrze (Pol)

OTHER MATCHES: Aarhus (Den) v Benfica (Port); Bordeaux (Fra) v Lillestrom (Nor); Neuchâtel Xamax (Switz) v Bayern Munich (WG); Rapid Vienna (Austria) v PSV Eindhoven (Neth); Real Madrid (Sp) v FC Porto (Port); Sparta Prague (Czech) v Anderlecht (Bel); Steaua Bucharest (Rom) v Omonia Nicosia (Cyprus).

Cup Winners' Cup
Second round, first leg

Mechelen (Bel) v St Mirren (8.0)

OTHER MATCHES: FC Den Haag (Neth) v Young Boys Berne (Switz); Marseille (Fra) v Hajduk Split (Yugi); OFI Heraklion (Greece) v Atalanta (Ita); Real Sociedad (Sp) v Dynamo Minsk (USSR); Sporting Lisbon (Port) v Kalmar FF (Swe); SV Hamburg (WG) v Ajax Amsterdam (Neth); Vllaznia Shkodra (Alb) v Rovaniemi (Fin).

UEFA Cup
Second round, first leg

Aberdeen v Feyenoord (Neth)
Dundee Utd v Vitkovice (Czech)

OTHER MATCHES: AC Milan (It) v Espanol (Sp) (at Lecce); Barcelona (Sp) v Dynamo Moscow (USSR); Borussia Dortmund (WG) v Velez Mostar (Yugi); Broendbyerne (Den) v Sportul Bucharest (Rom); Chaves (Port) v Honved (Hun); FC Utrecht (Neth) v Verona (It); Internazionale Milan (It) v Turun Palloseura (Fin); Panathinaikos (Gr) v Juventus (It); Red Star Belgrade (Yug) v FC Bruges (Bel); Spartak Moscow (USSR) v Werder Bremen (WG); Toulouse (Fra) v Bayer Leverkusen (WG); Victoria Bucharest (Rom) v Dynamo Tbilisi (USSR); Vitoria Guimaraes (Port) v SK Beveren (Bel); Wismut Aue (EG) v Flamurtari Vlora (Alb).

Barclays League
Second division

A Villa v C Palace
Bradford v Manchester C
Leicester v WBA (7.45)

Fourth division

Hartlepool v Halifax
Hereford v Scarborough
Peterborough v Newport

GM Vauxhall Conference

Welling v Wycombe

CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Blackpool v Everton; Grimsby v Hull; Nottingham Forest v Derby; Sheffield United v Sheffield Wednesday (7.30). Second division: Barnsley v Oldham; Blackburn v West Bromwich; Bolton v Scunthorpe; Doncaster v Rotherham; Mansfield v Stoke; Newcastle v Middlesbrough; Port Vale v Notts County; Wigan v Preston; York v Darlington.

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Arsenal v Ipswich (3.0); Brighton v Reading (7.15); Swindon v Millwall (2.0).

MACBAR SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Exeter v Bristol City; Shrewsbury v Newport.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Workington v Morecambe. First division: Alfreton v Stalybridge; Curzon Ashton v Leek; Winsford v Fleetwood. First division Cup: Preliminary round, first leg: Farsley v Harrogate.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Westgate Insurance Cup: First round: Burton v Sutton Coldfield; Cambridge City v Bury; Canterbury v Sheppey; Fareham v Salisbury; Leicester United v Coventry Sporting; Poole v Dorchester; Shepshed v Paget; Tonbridge v Chelmsford.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: First division: Kingsbury v Hampton; Southwick v Leatherhead. Second division north: Collier Row v Witham. Second division south: Molesey v Feltham.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bristol Manor Farm v Clandown.

DRYBROUGHS NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Bishop Auckland v Consett; Crook v Whitby; South Bank v Ferryhill; Spennymoor v Gretna.

FA VASE: First round replay: Eastleigh v Supermarine.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SENIOR CUP: First round: Long Buckby v Rothwell.

RUGBY UNION

TOSHIBA COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: North Midlands v Staffordshire (at Moseley, 7.15).

TOUR MATCH: Breconshire v United States Eagles (at Brecon, 3.0).

CLUB MATCHES (7.15): Bridgend v Cross Keys; Bristol v Barbarians; Cambridge University v Penguins; Maesteg v Mid Glamorgan District; Newport v Abertillery (7.0); Oxford University v Leicester; Orrell v Wigan; Plymouth v Exeter University; Rosslyn Park v Surrey County Clubs; Royal Navy v Hampshire (at US Portsmouth, 2.30). Cancelled: Liverpool St Helens v Preston Grasshoppers.

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: National Trophy (men): First round: IBE Gateshead v Lofty's Travel Ellesmere Port (8.0).

BOWLS: Indoor county matches: Lincolnshire v Norfolk (at Boston); Surrey v Essex (at Croydon); Wiltshire v Buckinghamshire (at Thamesdown).

GOLF: Golf Plus PGA fourball championship (at John O'Gaunt).

SNOOKER: Rothmans Grand Prix (at Hexagon theatre, Reading).

TENNIS: Volvo Women's classic (at Brighton).

SPORT ON TV

MIDWEEK SPORTS SPECIAL: Football: Action from the European cup competitions, Second round, first leg. ITV: 10.35 p.m.

ROWING: Westminster Serpentine regatta. C4: 11.50 p.m.

SNOOKER: Rothmans Grand Prix from Hexagon theatre, Reading. BBC2: 2.15-5 p.m. (see also Sportsnight).

SPORTSNIGHT: Snooker: Further coverage from Reading. Gymnastics: World championships from Rotterdam. Tennis: Interview with Bjorn Borg. Football: News and results of the European competitions. BBC1: 10.25 p.m.

BOBSLEIGHING

Calgary all-clear for Phipps

By Chris Moore

Nick Phipps has been spared the burden of having to defend his two- and four-man titles at this month's British championships in order to secure selection for the Winter Olympics in Calgary next February.

Instead, the double British champion and his chief rival, Mark Tout, have been guaranteed their places in the British Olympic team without having to qualify.

"It's a decision that has really been forced upon us," Simon Strong, the secretary of the British Bobsleigh Association (BBA), said. "We have always had some sort of selection process in the past, but on this occasion we found ourselves in the classic catch-22 situation.

"If we had asked Phipps and Tout, who are without question our best two hopes of an Olympic medal, to start racing flat-out from day one to make certain of qualifying for the Games, it would have defeated the object of their carefully laid plans of campaign for the season," he said.

Finding a vacant slot on one of the European tracks to stage the British championships is a perennial problem for the BBA. Hence the reason for this winter's event being staged in Winterberg next week even before the start of the international season, which gets under way with the opening round of the World Cup on the new East German track at Altenburg on November 3.

However, both Phipps and Tout will make full use of the track-time in Winterberg testing new machinery and, more important, new runners developed during the summer by the team's sponsors, Allied Steel.

The winners of the two- and four-man titles at the British championships will fill the No. 3 positions in the Olympic team.

Phipps has made one change in his four-man crew from last winter after recruiting the Northern Ireland sprinter, Nigel Watson, to take over from Bob Thorne. Watson has run 10.48 seconds for the 100 metres. "That makes him the fastest crewman I've ever had and I'm hoping he'll help us clock even quicker start-times this season," Phipps said.

"The Olympics are what we've been striving for and I'm convinced we have a realistic chance of a medal. I was sixth in both the two- and four-man events at last season's world championships in St Moritz, and, but for one bad run in the four-man, would have been right in the hunt."

During the summer the Londoner, aged 35, who as a former international decathlete was the most recent British competitor to beat Daley Thompson, has been having lessons in "visualization" and also regular appointments with a hypnotist.

"People outside the sport probably don't fully appreciate the high degree of concentration needed to drive a sledge down a mile-long chute of ice at speeds not far short of 100 m.p.h." Phipps said. "The mental training I've been undergoing is part of modern-day sports psychology, and is basically designed to help me relax, both before and during racing. I can't honestly say whether the hypnosis will make any difference. But being able not to let the pressure get to you can be the difference between winning and losing a medal."

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SQUASH RACKETS

A dynasty ends and another begins with a new J Khan

By Colin McQuillan

It is three weeks short of a year since reports came from Toulouse of Jahangir Khan's first defeat in five and a half years and the consequent loss of his world title to Ross Norman, of New Zealand.

Now he has been frustrated in a second championship campaign, this time by his young Pakistani compatriot, Jansher Khan, in the semi-finals of the ICI Perspex World Open Championships in Birmingham, suffering in the process his fifth defeat in that 12-month period.

Three of those five humiliations have been successively at the hands of Jansher, aged 18, who beat Jahangir 3-0 in Hong Kong, 3-2 in Karachi and now 3-9, 9-4, 9-7, 9-7 in 108 minutes on the all-transparent Perspex court at the National Exhibition Centre. The other defeat was in Sydney last July by Australia's Rodney Martin, who lost the other semi-final in Birmingham to his national team colleague, Chris Dittmar, 10-9, 9-2, 4-9, 9-4 in 77 minutes.

"Don't worry, it's not the end for me," Jahangir said yesterday. "I still have the ambition to win nine British Open titles to beat Geoff Hunt's record. That will become my main purpose now."

This phenomenal athlete, who until last November appeared unshakable at the top of world squash, will not reach his 24th birthday for another two months. "I am strong and fit. I am recovered from some injuries. Now I must go away and work hard to put Jansher back in his proper place."

The last time Jahangir made that decision, in honour of his brother, Torsan, who died of a heart attack on an Australian squash court, he returned to torment the world's best with such relentless fitness and accuracy that for the better part of his five-and-a-half-year undefeated reign he was never required to play the full five games.

He is perhaps even stronger now but he lacks the fine condition of his premier days. According to his cousin and coach, Rahmat Khan, he has not been able to train properly all year. "Injuries and business commitments have kept us from completing the eight-week build-ups that made Jahangir so match-fit for his tournament appearances."

That sharpness belonged to Jansher in the Birmingham semi-final. Lean and hungry as a feral cat, this new J Khan is utterly committed to altering the nomenclature at the head of the world rankings.

"I No. 1 now," he insisted as he and his coach, Mohamed Yasin, left the semi-final court. It was impossible to deny. His lanky legs had covered the court at astonishing speed and his frail, stick-like arms had rallied, recovered and relentlessly pursued everything that the now second-best player in the world could aim at him on a night when he also played at his brilliant best.

Jahangir led 5-1 and 7-4 in the fourth game and believes he was the stronger then. "Jansher was just pushing the ball back into court. I made mistakes on my drop shots. I would have won in a fifth game. The score does not show how close I was to him."

The crux of the match may have been at 7-8 in the 35-minute third game when Jansher refused to agree that his racket struck Jahangir's face and this apparent gamesmanship took the mind of the more experienced player away from the main concern.

A baleful stare and a spate of Urdu conversation followed a penalty stroke awarded against Jahangir but Jansher looked back defiantly as he tidied up the rest of the game.

SEMI-FINALS: C Dittmar (Aus) bt R Martin (Aus), 10-9, 9-2, 4-9, 9-4; Jansher Khan (Pak) bt Jahangir Khan (Pak), 3-9, 9-4, 9-7, 9-7.

Khan-Khan: Jansher, the leaner of the clan, leading Jahangir yet another unmerry dance

TENNIS

Wood ventures bravely into new territory

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

The best of the bad news from the Volvo Classic at Brighton yesterday concerned a British defeat. That is often the case, whatever and wherever the tournament. The latest example is Clare Wood, aged 19, who saved six match points before Isabelle Demongeot, ranked 118 places higher, beat her 6-1, 3-6, 6-4.

Miss Wood, playing in her home county, was new to this level of competition but learned as she went along and, for two sets, played the St Tropez blonde on even terms. But the disparity in their experience of severe match-play was ultimately crucial. In the third set Miss Wood had two points for a 4-2 lead, and came within a point of winning four of the games she lost.

In short, Miss Demongeot was wiser and sounder in playing the rallies that most mattered. That was as predictable as Miss Wood's frequent naivete in trying to deal with tactical posers thrust upon her at short notice. At such moments, experienced players react instinctively. Miss Wood cannot yet do that. But her ability was evident

The first result to confound the world rankings was anything but satisfactory. Miss Demongeot's compatriot, Pascale Paradis, beat Britain's most highly-ranked player, Anne Hobbs, by 6-2, 6-3. Miss Paradis once ranked 25th in the world (a level Miss Hobbs has never attained), and in 1984, she reached the semi-finals of the Brighton tournament.

This time Miss Paradis had to qualify, but yesterday's performance was a throwback to better days. By contrast Miss Hobbs, worrier and fighter in one, was too inhibited to maintain her normal form, never mind her best form. The evidence suggested that Miss Hobbs was trying to shorten her usually prolonged serving ritual. Her concentration on that may have affected the rest of her game.

An old chum, Mima Jausovec, briefly reminded us of past glories — French, Italian, and German championships — before she was beaten 6-2, 2-6, 6-4 by Nathalie Tauziat, 11 years her junior, who is the most highly-ranked player in France. Miss Jausovec, an inch smaller than Ian Woosnam, plays inter-club tennis for Heidelberg, is joint owner of a tennis club in Zagreb, and is presently planning to open a boutique and get married.

The doubles draw is notable for the presence of three pairs who have achieved prominence in this year's grand slam tournaments: Zina Garrison and Lori McNeil, Svetlana Parkhomenko and Larisa Savchenko, and Miss Hobbs and Betsy Nagelsen. Miss Nagelsen, like Hana Mandlikova, is married but still uses her maiden name. It avoids confusion.

This, after all, is the entertainment business. How would the public have coped with the potential nominal chaos of Zsa Zsa Gabor and Elizabeth Taylor, who have changed husbands as often as most people change houses?

RESULTS: First Round: L Bonder (US) bt I Budarova (Cz), 7-5, 6-4; N Tauziat (Fr) bt M Jausovec (Yug), 6-2, 2-6, 6-4; B Bunge (WG) bt R Fairbank (SA), 3-6, 6-2, 6-2; I Demongeot (Fr) bt C Wood (GB), 6-1, 3-6, 6-4; L Savchenko (USSR) bt C Tanvier (Fr), 3-6, 6-3, 6-2; P Paradis (Fr) bt A Hobbs (GB), 6-2, 6-3; P Shriver (US) bt N Provis (Aust), 7-6, 6-4; S Goles (Yug) bt N Herreman (Fr), 6-2, 6-1.

FOOTBALL: RANGERS WILL BE HOPING FOR A MEASURED PERFORMANCE AGAINST THE POLISH CHAMPIONS IN THE EUROPEAN CUP

Aberdeen look to their blend

By Clive White

Tom Jones might be a big star in most oll towns, but the arrival of the Weymouth midfield player of that name in Aberdeen this summer was not seen as very unusual. Neither was the signing of one Gary Hackett, from Shrewsbury, viewed as a particularly great coup. With Aberdeen's rivals, Rangers, collecting famous names faster than the most avid autograph hunter, the local supporters could be excused for feeling a bit left-out of things.

But Aberdeen, who play Feyenoord in the second round, first leg of the UEFA Cup at Pittodrie today, have always typified the canny Scot, preferring to sell rather than buy. Ian Porterfield, their manager of almost one year, has maintained this prudent attitude, though he did have to find £350,000 to buy Peter Nicholas, from Luton Town, during the close season.

Despite their reluctance to match Rangers in the market-place, they have proved more than a match in the League, and led the premier division this month until a poverty in front of goal overtook them.

Like any self-respecting Scotsman, they consider a fine blend of paramount importance. With youth represented by the likes of McKimmie, Robertson and Joe Miller, and experience offered by Willie Miller, McLeish, Leighton, Nicholas, Dodds and Bett, one could say that Aberdeen are well on the way to achieving it.

One has to turn over many more pages of *All Our Yesterdays* to read of Feyenoord's last great successes than those of Aberdeen. Though they did manage the Dutch league and cup double three years ago, Feyenoord these days have had to accept third-best since the rise of PSV Eindhoven; Ajax nearly always had the edge over them.

Feyenoord won 1-0 away against Utrecht at the weekend with a goal by Dave Mitchell, whom Willie Miller and McLeish remember from the World Cup play-off games that Scotland had with Australia.

Aberdeen, who struggled to beat Bohemians, of Dublin, 1-0 over two legs in the first round, need to recapture their goal-scoring touch tonight. Their only doubt concerns Connor, a midfield player, who has a damaged knee. If they can gain a comfortable lead, a defence in which Leighton has kept 10 blank score-sheets in 12 games, should serve them well in Rotterdam in a fortnight's time.

Souness's return as captain attracts a capacity crowd

By Roddy Forsyth

Rangers retreated to the Clyde coast at Turnberry yesterday to prepare for the second round of the European Cup.

Because of their repeated domestic suspensions, Rangers find that European matches allow them rare chances to field their full playing strength or something like it, so it is almost incidental to report that tickets for tonight's encounter with Gornik, the Polish champions, are sold out. The 44,500 spectators who will fill Ibrox will see a Rangers side including Woods, Butcher and Souness, although Richard Gough will have to content himself as an onlooker, having been brought North from Spurs long after the August signing dealing for the first two rounds of the tournament.

Rangers trained at Ibrox in the morning before moving to the seaside for their final preparations and ironically Saturday's notorious scenes may work in their favour. Gornik had the Derby game watched and quite naturally believe that Rangers will come on strong physically tonight. In fact, with Souness in charge the Scots are expected to play a technically skilful game with the ball played to feet and possession carefully sustained.

Meanwhile, the only Scottish team playing abroad in a first-leg tie are St Mirren, who flew to Belgium yesterday morning for their Cup Winners Cup meeting with Mechelen. The manager, Alex Smith, has assembled a squad which consists of the teams which drew against Morton on Saturday and also includes the influential Tony Fitzpatrick, who is recovering from flu but who is expected to be ready.

St Mirren, who hardly covered themselves in glory with a first round aggregate victory of 1-0 over the part-time Norweigan players of Tromso, are nevertheless in confident mood about their prospects against Mechelen, partly prompted by the Scottish international team's victory over Belgium at Hampden last week. The manager, Alex Smith, has also spent much of his time answering questions about St Mirren's interest in the Dynamo Kiev players, Blokhin, Demyanenko, Bessanov and Yevtushenko.

What is clear is that any suggestion that all four might play their football at Love Street is nonsense. St Mirren could afford to buy one of the Soviet players and even that would be a major coup for the hitherto-unfashionable Paisley club.

● **Dundee United** must cope with a sizeable casualty list as they prepare to meet the Czechoslovakian side, Vitkovice, at Tannadice in the UEFA Cup. Midfield and attack are the areas most affected and four players, Hamish French, Jim McInally, Ian Redford and Alan Irvine, are receiving treatment and all are doubtful. However, the United manager, Jim McLean, is openly pleased about the return to fitness of his forward, Paul Sturrock, a habitual scorer in European competition, who is ready to play against the Czechoslovaks from the start.

Rantanen on injured list at Leicester

Leicester City could be without six players for tonight's game against West Bromwich Albion at Filbert Street. Jari Rantanen, the Finnish international forward, is again ruled out because of damaged ankle ligaments. Others with injury doubts are Robby James, Mark Venus, Tony Brien, Phil Horner and Gary Ford.

The game will also be the last for Steve Walsh, the central defender, unless he decides to appeal against the six-match ban imposed by the Football Association for an incident that resulted in the Shrewsbury forward, David Geddis, receiving a fractured jaw in the opening game of the season.

The full back, Gary Fleming, of Nottingham Forest, who has been out of action since September 23 because of a thigh strain, starts his comeback by playing for the reserves in the Central League match against the Derby County reserves at the City Ground tonight.

Crystal Palace will be without their defender, David Burke, who is suspended, for the game at Aston Villa. Gary Nebbling and Gary Stebbing are available for selection after recovering from injury.

The Football Trust are giving a grant of £60,000 to Aston Villa towards the cost of their new £500,000 indoor cricket facility.

Real are wary of threat from Porto

Agencies — Real Madrid's brimming confidence will be matched by respect for their opponents when they meet the holders, Porto, in the outstanding first leg tie of the second round of the European Cup in Valencia tonight.

After a spectacular run of wins at the start of the Spanish league season and an impressive first round triumph over Italian champions Napoli, six-times winners Real could not approach the game in a better frame of mind.

But, as their astute Dutch coach, Leo Beenhakker, has confirmed, they know also that they face their most demanding match of the season so far when they take on the skilful, counter-attacking Portuguese team. However, they will probably need to rely heavily on defence in the first leg — to this end they have dropped their veteran forward, Gomes.

The match will take place in Valencia as a sanction against Real after crowd trouble at their Champions' Cup semi-final last season against Bayern Munich.

Memories of glory days will come flooding back when Hamburg and Ajax, of Amsterdam, two of the greatest clubs in the history of European football, meet in the Cup Winners' Cup in Hamburg.

Each team has reached five European club finals and they belong to an exclusive band of five who have won both the European Cup and Cup Winners' Cup. AC Milan, Juventus and Bayern Munich are the others.

But if tradition suggests a great match, reality may well dictate otherwise. Hamburg and Ajax are both in the process of rebuilding and their fledgling sides are a far cry from the great teams of the past.

Ajax still have a link with their team of the early 1970s, which won the European Cup three years in a row, in Johan Cruyff, who is now technical director.

In Neuchâtel, the Swiss the Swiss champions, Neuchâtel Xamax, plan to go all-out for early goals when they meet Bayern Munich in the European Cup. Their captain, Heinz Hermann, said: "We have no fear of Bayern."

Barcelona, struggling to recover from a disastrous start to the Spanish league season, face a tough test when they meet Dynamo Moscow in the UEFA Cup. Dynamo have been studying a video recording of Barcelona's win at Sabadell at the weekend.

Bradford players show faith

By Ian Ross

The notion that Bradford City might be prepared to undermine their attempts to win promotion to the first division by selling off their leading players can be dismissed. Terry Dolan, who has led the club to the top of the second division, remains adamant that no one will be allowed to leave Valley Parade — however enticing any offer maybe. Indeed, Dolan will be looking to strengthen his small but dedicated senior squad in the weeks ahead.

"I can state, quite categorically, that no one will be leaving Bradford City," Dolan said. "My players happy to stay and try to win promotion. They would not have signed new contracts had they not been happy.

"We are looking to bring some new players in. The squad here is not very big and we have lost a couple of players through injury in recent weeks."

Bradford will face an inconsistent Manchester City side tonight before a 16,000 sell-out crowd at a Valley Parade ground extensively rebuilt in the wake of the 1985 fire tragedy. But while Dolan continues to gaze into the future with justifiable optimism, his Maine Road counterpart, Mel Machin, readily admits he faces a daunting task as he bids to restore Manchester City's first division status at the first attempt.

"I knew when I first took over that it would be a long job. We have improved since I arrived but we still have a very long way to go," Machin said. "We couldn't really have a stiffer test than this particular game because Bradford are playing exceptionally well at the moment. I am not too surprised to see them at the top of the table because they have already proved that they can defend well and also score goals."

Paul Moulden, aged 20, the Manchester City forward, has sustained a broken leg for a fourth time and will have it encased in plaster for four to six weeks.

Meeting to discuss media 'hostility'

By Dennis Signy

A top-level meeting is planned to discuss the rift between football managers and players and some members of the media, a relationship that Gordon Taylor, the players' leader, described yesterday as "hostile".

The idea for the meeting came from Eddie Plumley, the chairman of the Football League Executive Staffs Association and chief executive of Watford, who contacted Taylor, the secretary of the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA).

When the Football Writers' Association (FWA) was invited to take part, Joe Melling, the chairman, welcomed the suggestion but asked for the president of the Football League and a top representative of Barclays, the League sponsors, to be present to hear both sides of the argument.

All parties seem agreed there is a worsening problem, caused in the main by a circulation war among the tabloid newspapers. Plumley said: "My members are concerned about standards and we are not alone. It is time for us all to pull together. If we are not careful, we will pull further apart."

Taylor was more explicit. His concern is that the hostility could lead to bans on journalists and a complete lack of communication from managers and players.

"Unless something is done, the whole relationship between football and the media could be tainted," he said. "This would be unfair on the vast majority of the media, and all for the sake of a few headlines and mud-slinging articles. It is looking fragile at the moment and it is caused by substantial amounts of money being offered in proportion to the mud-slinging offered in return."

The PFA works closely with the Football Association and the League in an effort to improve the image of the game and imposes strict disciplinary codes.

Taylor's association fought to achieve greater freedom of speech for players in 1981 — "that includes freedom to criticise but not to mud-sling and there is an overriding clause about bringing the game into disrepute".

Courses for managers run by the PFA include a section advising participants how to work with the media for the good of football. "We tell them they can't run away," Taylor added. Young players on the Youth Training Scheme programme are also advised how to deal with the media.

"It is part of the business of being a player," Taylor said. "My job is to improve the image of professional footballers. I have always been fairly represented by the media and nobody is more aware than I that football should be very grateful for the vast coverage given. We are not burying our heads in the sand; it is not an *Alice in Wonderland* situation and at times the game wants it all one way. Many players, though, feel they have been conned, exploited or misquoted.

"There have been kiss-and-tell players over the years. Before the abolition of the maximum wage, you could understand someone who was hard up giving a story, not now. Certain recent articles have upset a lot of our members."

Melling said: "Press relationships with clubs are at a low ebb. There is acute distrust on both sides. There are major differences and no easy solutions. We are happy to talk. Many of our members are concerned about working conditions at many football grounds."

As a former chairman of the FWA, and secretary for 17 years, my feeling is that relationships have never been worse. Irving Scholar, the Tottenham Hotspur chairman, and David Pleat, the manager, both concerned about the widening rift, recently invited me to talk to their coaching staff and players on the Press. The session showed hostility to papers in general, although the anger was directed at some of the tabloids.

Painting of Shankly is returned

A painting of Bill Shankly, stolen after a Liverpool Football Club dinner at Anfield, was last night returned undamaged by shamefaced, anonymous thieves. The oil painting was handed over by a group of five young men who called at the Liverpool home of the former manager, Joe Fagan. He answered the door yesterday afternoon to meet the men who handed over the painting and a note of apology.

The handwritten note read: "To Peter, Kenny and the lads, I am very sorry for taking this picture of the great man. I hope I have not caused Nessie any worry. I hope I will be forgiven." Nessie is Bill Shankly's widow.

A spokesman for Merseyside Police said inquiries into the theft are continuing.

● Ian Baird's £285,000 transfer from Portsmouth to Leeds was still undecided yesterday as the deal ran into snags. Baird, aged 23, trained at Fratton Park again while the clubs attempted to sort out his personal terms.

● **The third division leaders, Northampton Town**, have decided against following in the footsteps of Luton, Colchester and Torquay in banning all away supporters.

● **Oldham**, who just missed promotion to the first division in last season's play-offs, yesterday revealed a loss of £178,000 for 1986-87.

SNOOKER

Wilkinson wins case in camera

By Steve Acteson

Gary Wilkinson, aged 21, in his first year as a professional, marked his initial appearance in front of the television cameras with a surprising 5-3 victory over the tenth seed, Silvino Francisco, of South Africa, in the fourth round of the Rothmans Grand Prix in Reading yesterday.

Wilkinson led 4-3, and although Francisco made a 48 break in the eighth frame, Wilkinson produced a clearance of 64 to complete his victory.

A below-par performance by Stephen Hendry, aged 18, of Scotland, was still too good for another newcomer, Jim Chambers, but the 5-1 scoreline flattered Hendry as he moved into the last 16.

The format of the world team championships in Bournemouth next spring has been changed, and as a consequence Eugene Hughes has almost certainly been denied his chance of winning three titles in succession. Hughes has partnered Dennis Taylor and Alex Higgins for the last two years, but the custom of allowing the defending country to field two teams has been changed. Instead of all-Ireland A and B teams, there will now be Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland teams, so Hughes now joins Paddy Browne and Joe O'Boye in the Republic side.

RESULTS: Fourth round: Monday: C Wilson (Wal) bt J Virgo (Eng), 5-3. Frame scores (Wilson first): 83-38, 22-66, 62-48, 24-83, 8-91, 68-63, 79-4, 97-4. T Knowles (Eng) bt D Roe (Eng), 5-2. Frame scores (Knowles first): 77-89, 75-38, 65-32, 65-27, 23-82, 28-73, 68-57. Yesterday: S Hendry (Scot) bt J Chambers (Eng), 5-1. Frame scores (Hendry first): 67-50, 59-37, 74-37, 13-73, 74-8, 71-26. G Wilkinson (Eng) bt S Francisco (SA), 5-3. Frame scores (Francisco first): 24-89, 91-25, 86-21, 25-70, 25-68, 67-59, 23-86, 48-68.

HOCKEY

Southgate are favoured by Cup draw

Southgate, the holders, have an away match against Dulwich in the first round of the National club championship for the Hockey Association Cup to be played on November 1 (Sydney Friskin writes). Southgate beat Dulwich 5-1 in the Pizza Express London League last Saturday and are expected to go through to the second round on November 15. The draw also favours other southern clubs such as Hounslow, Slough, Guildford, Teddington and Indian Gymkhana, while in the western section, Isca face a hard match against Gloucester City.

FOURTH ROUND DRAW: South: Fleet v Hounslow; Beckenham v Eastcote; Marden Russets v Old Midwhitgiftians; Brighton and Hove v Canterbury; Teddington v Walton; Bracknell v Old Kingstonians; Lewes v Amersham; Indian Gymkhana v Witney; Wimbledon v Old Tauntonians; Barnes v Guildford; Gore Court v Sevenoaks; Richmond v Surbiton; Slough v Maidenhead; High Wycombe v Hendon; Dulwich v Southgate; Tulse Hill v Ashford; East Grinstead v Rochester and Gillingham; City of Oxford v Purley; Hamble Old Boys v Hawks; Bromley v Fareham; Havant v Bognor; Trojans v Reading; Spencer v REME. East: Wisbech v Old Loughtonians; West Herts v St Albans; Norwich Exiles v Chelmsford; Grimsby v RAF Support Command; Westcliff v Bedford Town; Broxbourne v Ipswich; Pelicans v Long Sutton; Cambridge City v Peterborough Town; Norwich Grasshoppers v Felixstow; Ford v Bury St Edmunds; Bedfordshire Eagles v Bishop's Stortford. North: Darlington v Warrington; Vikings v Ben Rhydding; Brooklands v Wigan; Tynedale v Liverpool Sefton; Wakefield v Swalwell; Norton v Sunderland; Preston v Sheffield Ramgharia; Southport v Alderley Edge; York v Bowden; Welton v Bradford or Harrogate; Neston v Hightown; Doncaster v Whitehaven or Carlisle. Midlands: Olton and West Warwickshire v Sikh Union; Pickwick v Bloxwich; Coventry and North Warwickshire v Wombourne; Harborne v Chesterfield; John Player v Cannock; Ashby de la Zouch v Shrewsbury; Derby v Leicester Westleigh; Nottingham v Hampton-in-Arden; Belper Tigers v Stockport; Northampton Saints v Old Halesonians. West: Marlborough v Westbury and United Banks; Bournemouth v Jersey; Taunton Vale v Royal Navy; Exeter Crickets v White Horse West Wilts; Truro v East Devon; Firebrands v Hereford; Clevedon or Long Ashton v Cheltenham; Isca v Gloucester City.

RUGBY UNION

Patterson is hopeful

By George Ace

Colin Patterson, regarded by some as the best post-war Irish scrum half, could be on the threshold of a comeback. Patterson, who injured his right knee while with the British Lions in South Africa in 1980, has been told that all that is required for a complete recovery is a minor operation for the removal of a small portion of cartilage which has become detached.

"I will be in hospital for only six hours and the surgeon is absolutely confident that I will be running, turning and twisting in no time at all. I will concentrate initially on stepping up my coaching commitment with Donaghadee and if things work out the way the surgeon expects, well ... I have kept myself pretty fit since my rugby injury and while, to be perfectly honest, I am not entertaining any serious thoughts at the moment of playing senior rugby again I must confess that little voices are talking to me in the night."

Patterson, aged 32, ("and not knocked about for the past seven years, and make sure you get that in") won 11 caps in a brief international career which started with a debut against New Zealand in 1978 and ended two years later.

One of several great games he played for Ireland was against Australia in Brisbane in 1979. He scored two splendid second-half tries as Ireland had a record 27-12 win over the Wallabies. And that match was Ollie Campbell's second international, three years after his first. Campbell was preferred to Tony Ward who is back as front-runner for the Ireland No. 10 jersey following his selection at outside half for Leinster in Saturday's opening inter-provincial against Connacht at Lansdowne Road.

Rose reappears

Marcus Rose, the England full-back, makes his first senior appearance of the season at stand-off half in the match at Twickenham on Saturday against Cardiff.

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

UNITED STATES: National League (NFL): Washington Redskins 13, Dallas Cowboys 7.

ATHLETICS

INGATESTONE: Five-mile road race: Men: 1, A Catton (Ilford), 25min 23sec; 2, D Laughlin (Chelmsford), 25:39; 3, K McGuire (1st Bt Argyll), 28:24. Veterans: J Halliday (Billericay), 28:24. Women: 1, A Hollington (Thurrock), 30:55; 2, K Webb (Ilford), 31:05; 3, C Gould (Shaftesbury/Barnet), 33:28.

BASKETBALL

KORAC CUP: Second round, first leg: Hapoel Tel Aviv (Isr) 111, Slovnaft Bratislava (Cz), 86.

BOXING

BELFAST: Featherweight: Paul Hodkinson (Liverpool) bt Tomás Arguelles (Panama) ko 6th; Carl Parry (Swansea) bt Alan McCullugh (Belfast) pts. Lightweight: Eamonn McAuley (Belfast) bt Nick Lucas (Swindon) rsc 3rd. Welterweight: Andy Holligan (Liverpool) bt Glyn Rhodes (Sheffield) pts. Middleweight: Sam Storey (Belfast) bt Seamus Casey (Alfreton) pts.

CYCLING

WEST BERLIN: Six-day race: Fifth day: 1, D Thurau (WG)/U Freuler (Switz), 288 pts. One lap behind: 2, D Clark (Aus)/A Doyle (GB), 229. Two laps behind: 3, R Guenther (WG)/R Hermann (Liecht), 257; 4, J Kristen (WG)/E de Wilde (Bel), 258. Four laps behind: 5, C Tourne (Bel)/P Bincoletto (It), 166. Five laps behind: 6, J Schlaphoff (WG)/H Henrik Oersted (Den), 171.

FOOTBALL

BARCLAYS LEAGUE: Third division: Port Vale 2, Bristol Rovers 1.
GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Kidderminster 2, Telford 4.
FA CUP: Third qualifying round replays: Basingstoke Town 4, Tooting and Mitcham 1 (aet); Leyton/Wingate 5, Wembley 1 (aet); Marine 1, Macclesfield Town 2.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Horwich 0, Caernarfon 1; Hyde 0, Rhyl 0.
WESTGATE CUP: First round: Dudley 0, Gloucester 4; Hednesford 0, Nuneaton 0; Trowbridge 2, Bromsgrove 3.
HERTFORDSHIRE SENIOR CUP: First round: Stevenage Borough 2, Berkhamsted Town 1.
FA YOUTH CUP: Second qualifying round: Clapton 0, Dulwich Hamlet 4.
SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Fulham 3, Luton 3.
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Cambridge University 0, Arsenal XI 4.

REAL TENNIS

MAIDENHEAD: Ralcom National League: Queen's Club 1, RCBRTC 1 (Queen's names first): D Johnson bt C Lumley, 6-2, 2-6, 6-4; N Smith lost to M Hayward 4-6, 1-6. Hampton Court 2, RTPA 0 (Hampton Court names first): C Ronaldson bt K Sheldon, 6-4, 6-2; J Fletcher bt S Ronaldson, 2-6, 6-2, 6-1.

ICE SKATING

SUNDERLAND: British intermediate championship: Men: (after compulsory and short programme): 1, A Fletcher (Nottingham) 1.0; 2, J Martin (Kyle) 2.4; 3, J Beaton (Birmingham) 3.2. Women: (After compulsory and short programme) 1, S Mitchell (Telford) 1.0; 2, M Waller (Murrayfield) 3.0; 3, J Smith (Nottingham and Deeside) 4.0

GOLF

LA MANGA: First team championship: Pool A: Rowlands Castle bt Glenrothes 5-1; Princes bt Penwortham 4½-1½. Pool B: Tyneside bt Hanbury 4½-1½; Disbury bt Ramsey 4½-1½.
SONY RANKINGS: Leading placings: 1, G Norman (Aus), 1195pts; 2, S Ballesteros (Sp), 1182; 3, B Langer (WG), 1144; 4, C Strange (US), 904; 5, A Lyle (GB), 816; 6, M McNulty (SA), 742; 7, P Stewart (US), 741; 8, I Woosnam (GB), 740; 9, T Nakajima (Japan), 723; 10, L Wadkins (US), 682. Other British: 18, N Faldo, 572.
UNITED STATES: USPGA Tour: Leading money-winners (US unless stated): 1, C Strange, $718,941 (£427,941); 2, P Azinger, $886,724; 3, S Simpson, $537,082; 4, B Crenshaw, $463,394; 5, T Kite, $455,916; 6, L Mize, $454,207; 7, L Wadkins, $450,163; 8, P Stewart, 445,923; 9, D Frost (SA), $439,157; 10, L Nelson, $437,492. Others: 15, G Norman (Aus), $363,450; 22, B Langer (WG) $309,830; 23, S Ballesteros (Sp), $305,068; 25, A Lyle (GB), $286,176; 35, K Brown (GB), $234,367.

GYMNASTICS

ROTTERDAM: World championships: Compulsory exercises: (Leading placings after men's compulsory exercises): Team: 1, Soviet Union, 294.05pts; 2, East Germany, 289.85; 3, China, 289.6; 4=, Japan, Bulgaria, 287.8; 6, Hungary, 286.0; 7, United States, 285.6; 8, West Germany, 285.35; 9, Romania, 285.2; 10, Cuba, 284.7; 19, Britain, 279.25. Individual: 1, D Bilozerchev (USSR), 59.0pts; 2, V Liukine, (USSR), 58.95; 3=, Y Korolev (USSR), V Artemov (USSR), 58.90.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Montreal Canadiens 5, Minnesota North Stars 1; Washington Capitals 4, New York Rangers 2.

TENNIS

BRIGHTON: Volvo Women's Classic: Qualifying competition: Second round: K Rickett (GB) bt T Scheuer-Larsen (Den), 3-6, 7-6, 6-4; R Rajchnova (Cz) bt S Loosemore (GB), 3-6, 7-5, 6-2; A Joensson (Nor) bt C Porwik (Fr), 6-3, 6-2; I Budarova (Cz) bt P Jung (US), 6-3, 6-2; P Paradis (Fr) bt J Louis (GB), 6-2, 6-4; M Javer (US) bt J Salmon (GB), 6-4, 6-4; C Suire (Fr) bt A Grunfeld (GB), 6-4, 6-4; E Reinach (SA) bt V Lake (GB), 6-2, 6-4. Third round (all winners qualify): Rajchnova bt Rickett 6-1, 6-0; Budarova bt Joensson 6-1 6-4.
VIENNA: First round: A Mansdorf (Is) bt K Novacek (Cz), 6-1, 6-4; T Wilkinson (US) bt B Testerman (US), 6-8, 7-5; A Jarryd (Swe) bt H de la Peña (Arg), 6-2, 6-0; T Muster (Austria) bt T Smid (Cz), 7-6, 6-3.
ATP: Leading money-winners: 1, I Lendl (Cz), $897,621 (£538,000); 2, M Mecir (Cz), $821,729; 3, S Edberg (Swe), $793,742; 4, M Wilander (Swe), $665,419; 5, P Cash (Aus), $378,332; 6, J McEnroe (US), $365,776; 7, B Becker (WG), $357,369; 8, E Sánchez (Sp), $333,962; 9, A Gómez (Ec), $324,522; 10, J Connors (US), $307,376.
ATP: Rankings: 1, I Lendl (Cz); 2, S Edberg (Swe); 3, M Wilander (Swe); 4, B Becker (WG); 5, J Connors (US); 6, M Mecir (Cz); 7, P Cash (Aus); 8, Y Noah (Fr); 9, A Gómez (Ec); 10, K Carlsson (Swe).
TOKYO: Seiko Classic: Singles: First round: S Edberg (Swe) bt T Fukui (Japan), 7-5, 6-2; J Connors (US) bt M Davis (US), 6-4, 6-3; J Carlsson (Swe) bt M DePalmer (US), 6-7, 6-4, 7-6; T Mmoh (Nigeria) bt S Youl (Aus), 3-6, 7-6, 6-4; J Fitzgerald (Aus) bt C Saceanu (Rom), 6-1, 6-4; B Dyke (Aus) bt T Tsuchihashi (Japan), 6-2, 7-6; S Giammalva (US) bt S Guy (NZ), 6-2, 6-1; P Annacone (US) bt S Matsuoka (Japan), 6-1, 7-6; S Zivojinovic (Yug) bt J Rive (US), 6-4, 7-5; M Pernfors (Swe) bt T Nijssen (Neth), 6-3, 4-6, 6-2; D Cahill (Aus) bt J Ross (US), 6-1, 6-3; R Seguso (US) bt B Drewett (Aus), 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.

RACKETS

HARROW: Sixth annual competition: Quarter-finals: S Tulley (Charterhouse) and P Ashe bt S Hazell (Clifton) and J McArthur, 15-12, 10-15, 15-8. C Hull (unattached) and B Williams bt J Ward and A MacElhern, 15-9, 7-15, 15-12; R Wakely (Marlborough) and S Renwick bt P Ashford (Winchester) and L Wells, 11-15, 15-10, 17-14; M Crosby (Harrow) and T Milligan bt K Cook (Clifton) and J Sees, 15-8, 15-5. Semi-finals: Tully and Ash bt Hull and Williams, 16-15, 15-12, 15-11; Wakely and Renwick bt Crosby and Milligan, 17-14, 9-15, 10-15, 15-8, 17-14. Final: Tully and Ash bt Wakely and Renwick, 15-9, 12-16, 15-7, 17-18, 15-8.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Reading 51, Hackney 27.
CHALLENGE MATCHES: Exeter 38, Swindon 40; Wolves 39, Birmingham 39.
REVENGE CHALLENGE MATCH: Postponed: Milton Keynes v Eastbourne.

SQUASH RACKETS

SOLIHULL: World team championships: Preliminary pool play-offs: Kuwait bt Italy, 2-1 (Kuwait qualify for pool D); Norway bt Belgium, 2-1 (Norway qualify for pool A).

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A sweeping reverse for England

From John Woodcock
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Karachi

WORLD CUP CRICKET

That abomination of the modern game, the reverse sweep, could well have cost England their World Cup match with Pakistan here yesterday. From the moment that Athey was bowled while attempting it, the game changed course, Pakistan finishing up as comfortable winners by seven wickets with an over to spare.

With a third-wicket partnership of 135 in 24 overs, Athey and Gatting had put England within reach of a total that Pakistan would have been hard pressed to equal. But no sooner was Athey out than Gatting followed him and Pakistan's eventual target of 245, on the flattest of pitches, always looked inadequate, especially when Rameez, who made an admirable 100, survived two straightforward chances, to Gatting at square leg when he was six and to Athey at wide and fairly short mid-on when 62.

The time came when the crowd gave England their best chance of saving the game. Although Pakistan were making steady progress towards victory, stones began to be thrown on to the field midway through the afternoon. When Gatting presented one of them, a particularly jagged sample, to the umpire, play was halted while appeals for sanity were broadcast. One wondered, inevitably, whether England would have been allowed to win had they come anywhere near to doing so.

Their consolation from what turned into a very disappointing day is that they can still qualify for the semi-finals, but to do so they will almost certainly have to win their two remaining qualifying matches – against West Indies and Sri Lanka, both of them in India next week. Pakistan are certain of doing so now and well they deserve to. They played excellently again yesterday, taking full advantage of a sudden English sloppiness three parts of the way through their innings and making no similar mistakes themselves until the match was as good as over.

It was a marvellously colourful scene, the sky a dome of pale blue, the outfield greener than I have ever seen it in Karachi, the grass sparkling with dew for the first eight or 10 overs and bobbing with wagtails. What a commotion, too. One of Pakistan's trio of fast bowlers – strapping creatures, all of them – had only to glance towards the women's stand for hysteria to break out. In the first over the crowd should have had a wicket to cheer, Yousuf dropping a straightforward chance given by Robinson off Imran. Robinson had replaced Broad and Foster was fit again, Pringle making way for him.

For most of the morning England, having been put in, prospered. Gooch looked in his best form yet until he mishooked Imran high to long leg and Robinson had begun to find his game when he was bowled, trying to late-cut Qadir's quicker ball. One's reservations about Athey coming in first wicket down were to be allayed. He took eight off his first over and then straight-drove Tauseef for the sweetest of sixes. Taken as a whole, the partnership between Athey and Gatting was an estimable piece of batting, marred only by its ending.

After 25 overs England were 104 for two and for 10 overs after that the tempo was stepped up. If Salim Malik, bowling seven overs of gentle nothings, was let off a trifle lightly, England were going to be disappointed with anything less than 275 when the 37th over began at 179 for two. It was bowled by Tauseef and began with Athey tucking into two nice half-volleys, both pulled for four. Then the aberration – a bad shot at the best of times and despised by no one more than the chairman of the England selectors, one of whose favourites is Athey. Athey had faced 102 balls.

When, two balls later, Gatting spooned up an attempted sweep and was caught at the wicket, Pakistan were like a side reprieved. Against batsmen now short of time for playing themselves in, they bowled well. Emburey was leg-before, sweeping at Qadir; Downton was caught at the wicket; and Lamb lost his leg stump, trying to improvise against Imran. In the end it took some uncomplicated blows by Foster and DeFreitas to give them and their fellow bowlers any sort of chance.

All too soon, though, it became clear that England had made too few. Rameez and Salim Malik, coming together when Mansoor was sent back by Rameez and run out by Emburey's return to Hemmings, started to pick up singles with ominous ease, a great many of them towards the boundary fielder at mid-wicket. That was the line of much of England's bowling, leg stump and outside, with the batsmen bisecting the two fielders in the circle, one just in front of square leg and the other at wide mid-on, with monotonous regularity. Foster and DeFreitas were tidy enough in their opening spells and Emburey and Hemmings bowled their 20 overs with fair economy; but DeFreitas's last three overs, after he had spent as much time on the loo as on the field, cost 30 runs and Small was unexpectedly expensive.

Rameez scored no fewer than 62 singles and Malik 43. Downton, sporting a black eye from Monday's mishap, made England's untidier returns look no better than they were, although once he did look to have stumped Rameez with time to spare.

The catch Gatting dropped from Rameez was a real percher and Athey's, though low, was not difficult. Once he had put himself on the boundary, which had come under bombardment, to save anyone else from going there, Gatting rather lost control of his forces. Eventually there were several captains, even Hemmings presuming at one time to try and take over. But those in command were Pakistan's second-wicket pair. Javed was not needed yesterday: that was how much the winners had in hand.

SCOREBOARD FROM KARACHI

Pakistan won toss

ENGLAND

		6s	4s	Mins	Balls
G A Gooch c Akram b Imran	16	-	2	30	27
R T Robinson b Qadir	16	-	1	56	26
C W J Athey b Tauseef	86	2	6	123	104
*M W Gatting c Yousuf b Qadir	60	1	3	101	65
A J Lamb b Imran	9	-	-	26	15
J E Emburey lbw b Qadir	3	-	-	6	11
†P R Downton c Yousuf b Imran	6	-	-	12	13
P A J DeFreitas c Yousuf b Imran	13	-	1	22	15
N A Foster not out	20	-	-	24	20
G C Small run out (Mansoor)	0	-	-	1	1
E E Hemmings not out	4	-	-	7	3
Extras: (lb 7, w 4)	11				
Total: (9 wkts, 50 overs)	244				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26, 2-52, 3-187, 4-187, 5-192, 6-203, 7-206, 8-230, 9-230.

BOWLING: Imran 9-0-37-4 (w 2); Akram 8-0-44-0 (w 2); Tauseef 10-0-46-1; Qadir 10-0-31-3; Jaffer 8-0-44-0; Malik 5-0-35-0.

PAKISTAN

		6s	4s	Mins	Balls
Ramiz Raja c Gooch b DeFreitas	113	-	5	202	148
Mansoor Akhtar run out (Emburey/Hemmings)	29	-	3	60	49
Salim Malik c Athey b Emburey	88	-	7	130	92
Javed Miandad not out	6	-	1	12	3
Ijaz Ahmed not out	4	-	1	1	2
Extras: (lb 6, w 1)	7				
Total: (3 wkts, 49 overs)	247				

*Imran Khan, †Saleem Yousuf, Wasim Akram, Adbul Qadir, Tauseef Ahmed and Saleem Jaffer did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-61, 2-228, 3-243.

BOWLING: DeFreitas 8-2-41-1; Foster 10-0-51-0; Hemmings 10-1-40-0; Emburey 10-0-34-1; Small 9-0-63-0 (w 1); Gooch 2-0-12-0.

Man of the Match: Imran Khan.

Umpires: A Crafter (Aus) and V K Ramaswamy (India).

Casting a stone at England: Athey triggers his country's collapse with a reverse sweep after his forward-looking partnership with Gatting, who appealed for sanity as he presented an umpire (below) with a missile that was aimed at Emburey (Photographs: Graham Morris)

The cup that anybody can win

From Alan Lee, Bombay

Imran Khan says that if his Pakistan side do not win the World Cup either the West Indies or England will. Viv Richards shares that belief. But here in India, among the teams who once seemed cast as also-rans, there is a growing weight of opinion that the outcome is nothing like as predetermined.

India, who set out weighed down by pressures, some of them imagined, are looking more convincing each time they take the field. Australia, who arrived so downcast by their recent record that they scarcely dared to believe they would win a game, have undergone the sort of transformation that only a dramatic injection of confidence can provide.

At the half-way stage in the group A fixtures these look sure to be the teams who will qualify for the semi-finals. Either one could go on to win the cup, if for no other reason than that this is a competition without an outstanding team.

The days of swaggering West Indian dominance are gone: they look only half the power of old. Pakistan, the worthy favourites, have undoubted ability still sometimes counteracted by volatile temperament. England are competent and well organized, yet hardly more than an ordinary side. The attraction of this World Cup is that the standard of the teams is so closely matched, even if sometimes matched in mediocrity, that anything is possible.

Having predicted a fortnight ago that Australia would do much better than was widely expected, their unbeaten record is some cause for satisfaction, even if they have twice rescued apparently lost causes; but in beating India by one run and New Zealand by three runs they have revealed a character that will serve them well.

Australia do not have a storm-proof bowling attack. McDermott has been wild with the new ball and the spinners are vulnerable; but O'Donnell and Waugh have been admirable as the support seamers and Australia have got by on the strength of their early batting.

Boon and Marsh have become a proficient opening pair and Jones is approaching world class at No. 3. In the three games so far this trio have shared 409 runs.

Border has seen too many false dawns during his painful reign as captain even to hint at over-confidence now but the relief is evident both from him and from Bob Simpson, whose long-term contract as cricket manager was beginning to attract cynical muttering.

As for India, vivid batting and high-class spin bowling have replaced the nagging swing bowling which served them so well four years ago. They suffer a little from their own smothering supporters, not to mention the Indian predilection for red tape, but if they can beat Australia in Delhi tomorrow they ought to win this group and avoid the semi-final clash with Pakistan in Lahore that they would hate almost as much as the organizers.

CUP DETAILS

Group A

	P	W	L	Pts	Rate
Australia	3	3	0	12	5.41
India	3	2	1	8	5.13
New Zealand	3	1	2	4	5.18
Zimbabwe	3	0	3	0	3.42

REMAINING MATCHES (India): Tomorrow (Delhi): India v Australia; Oct 23 (Calcutta): New Zealand v Zimbabwe; Oct 26 (Ahmedabad): India v Zimbabwe; Oct 27 (Chandigarh): Australia v New Zealand; Oct 30 (Cuttack): Australia v Zimbabwe; Oct 31 (Nagpur): India v New Zealand.

Group B

	P	W	L	Pts	Rate
Pakistan	4	4	0	16	4.87
England	4	2	2	8	5.08
West Indies	3	1	2	4	5.46
Sri Lanka	3	0	3	0	3.99

REMAINING MATCHES (Pakistan unless stated): Today (Kanpur, India): West Indies v Sri Lanka; Oct 25 (Faisalabad): Pakistan v Sri Lanka; Oct 26 (Jaipur, India): England v West Indies; Oct 30 (Pune, India): England v Sri Lanka; Oct 30 (Karachi): Pakistan v West Indies.

● *Top two teams qualify for semi-finals. Where teams have equal number of points, their positions are determined first by number of wins, then by run rate.*

SEMI-FINALS: Nov 4 (Lahore): Winners Group B v Runners-up Group A; Nov 5 (Bombay): Winners Group A v Runners-up Group B.

FINAL: Nov 8: Calcutta.

END COLUMN

Focus on a case of lost identity

By John Goodbody

Most of the attention yesterday on the latest meeting between the Government and the Football League concerned proposals to introduce breathalysers at football matches. Yet this only diverted attention from the more significant fact that the Government's plans to introduce membership schemes to all League clubs are in tatters.

It is now nearly two and a half years since the Heysel stadium disaster, and many people in football have forgotten – or chosen not to remember – that in the summer of 1985 the Prime Minister proposed that everyone attending League games should have an identity card, which could be withdrawn if the holder committed an offence. Because of the climate of opinion at the time, the protests of the football authorities against the suggestion were subdued.

They knew that 100 per cent membership schemes would completely change the character of the professional game in England, which relies heavily on casual spectators. They therefore opened discussions with the Government on other methods of eliminating hooliganism, and in time politicians' memories became hazy at the memory of Brussels.

Reduced demands yielded little

Their demands dropped to 70 per cent and finally to 50 per cent of the grounds' capacities, which seemingly was agreed with the League on February 23. But as *The Times* revealed in August, only 13 clubs had fulfilled this measure by the start of the season.

Philip Carter, the League president and chairman of Everton, said this week that there had been "a misunderstanding" and that the League had always worked to 50 per cent of home spectator accommodation, a far smaller proportion than 50 per cent of the ground capacity. Even so, more than 40 clubs had not fulfilled this less stringent requirement.

The police, staunch allies of the Football League, have great reservations about the introduction of large-scale membership schemes. They informed many clubs that membership schemes, even limited to 50 per cent of the home spectator accommodation, would exacerbate problems of hooliganism. Only nine of the League's 92 clubs have been asked to meet the Government and the Football League to clarify why they have not introduced the measures.

Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, has inherited an agreement from his predecessor, Dick Tracey, which is unworkable. He is understandably loath to override the views of the police – who are largely responsible for crowd control – and insist on the agreement being carried out. What is extraordinary is that the agreement could ever have been made without obtaining police support.

Police anxiety was still not allayed

David Phillips, the assistant chief constable of Manchester, represented the Association of Chief Police Officers at the February meeting. He had reservations that were outlined in an article in *The Times* in January. They included the difficulties of controlling the allocation of identity cards, incidents away from grounds, which were now more common than at the stadiums, and how the scheme would work for away supporters.

Some clubs, who have faithfully followed the agreement and have spent money in altering stadiums, and in Manchester United's case, installing a computer, understandably may be irked that other clubs are not following their lead. After all, as the Manchester United handbook points out: "We have to be seen by society to be doing whatever we can to keep the problem to manageable proportion.

The Government, which under Tracey had always made identity cards a central feature of its anti-hooliganism measures, will only rethink the situation if there is another major outburst of hooliganism.

For the moment the attention of Mrs Thatcher is elsewhere, but if she again focuses on football she may wonder why the measures she originally proposed in 1985 have not been adopted, even in a far less comprehensive form than she envisaged.

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Ibrox players face a police inquiry

By Roddy Forsyth

The ill-tempered scenes during last Saturday's Rangers v Celtic match at Ibrox when three players – Chris Woods and Terry Butcher, of Rangers, and Frank McAvennie, of Celtic – were sent off, are to be the subject of an inquiry by police in Glasgow.

Yesterday the office of the city's procurator-fiscal confirmed that police have been asked to report on incidents on and off the field at Ibrox. There were 62 arrests, mostly for minor offences in and around the stadium.

The fiscal's office would not say whether his action had been prompted by complaints from the public. Excerpts from the game were shown on television in Scotland on Sunday and clearly illustrated the early confrontation between Woods, McAvennie, Butcher and Roberts that resulted in the dismissal of Woods and McAvennie and a booking for Butcher, who was later sent off for a foul on the Celtic goalkeeper, Allen McKnight.

Yesterday the Scottish Football Association asked the match referee, Jim Duncan, for a further detailed report on the game. His initial summary, which was received yesterday, meant an automatic four-game suspension for Butcher, the Rangers' captain.

Butcher's second offence on Saturday was considered to be an ordering-off incident in its own right and the penalty points added to his disciplinary record mean that the defender passes the 10-point threshold, bringing an automatic three-game ban.

This will follow the one-match suspension that rules him out of Sunday's Skol Cup final at Hampden Park between Rangers and Aberdeen, which Woods and Souness also miss.

Butcher stays in squad

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Terry Butcher has been pushed through a loop-hole in the Football Association's unofficial policy. Even though he will be in the middle of a four-match suspension during England's decisive European championship qualifying tie in Yugoslavia next month, he will not be withdrawn from Bobby Robson's squad.

A statement issued yesterday by Ted Croker, the FA secretary, said: "The FA's decision does not affect the possibility of his selection for the England team.

"Our current policy is not to select players under domestic suspension for friendly matches. It is pointed out that Terry Butcher will not be suspended from the second leg of the Glasgow Rangers European Cup second round tie on November 4."

The significant word is "friendly". It permits a move that Robson in particular will regard as amicable. The fitness of his most important defender has been protected.

Chris Woods, the Rangers goalkeeper, who was sent off earlier in the same afternoon, has received no more than the automatic one-match ban.

Court hearing for Bugner

By John Goodbody

The most hyped-up heavyweight bout in British boxing history received some unwelcome publicity yesterday when Joe Bugner was presented with an order to appear in court in Cambridge tomorrow.

Bugner, scheduled to meet Frank Bruno at White Hart Lane, London, on Saturday, had earlier disappeared with his second wife, Marlene, down a service lift in a Regents Park hotel in an attempt to prevent a bailiff serving the writ in connection with maintenance for his first wife, Melody.

A second visit by the bailiff succeeded in serving the writ on Bugner. After his previous escape, Bugner had said: "This is a deliberate antagonistic attempt to annoy and upset me just before this fight."

He claimed he was no longer interested in the matter as it had been handed to his solicitor in London. "The money owed to my first wife has been paid, but it is the old story – she just wants more. I expected that.

"The original money has been paid. If it had not been, I would not have been allowed in the country, so I have nothing more to worry about. I'm forgetting it and getting on with thinking about Bruno."

Les House, aged 61, the bailiff, a former paratrooper, had been unperturbed by Bugner's disappearance.

He had warned the Bugner entourage: "If I do not hand over the writ soon, I will slap it on him in the ring. Someone is going to be nicked for obstructing me. I do not give up easily."

House insisted that he had been given permission by the hotel to approach Bugner once a Press conference and photo-call had finished. He waited outside the suite where it was being held and did not see Bugner disappear behind the throng of reporters.

Bugner's manager, Bill Morbey, seemed surprised about the affair. He said: "Being done in such a theatrical manner, there must be something behind it."

● Barry Hearn denied that the terms and screening time for ITV's coverage of Saturday's Bruno-Bugner contest had been settled.

SPORT IN BRIEF

York club make deal

York Rugby League club have solved their financial problems at a stroke by selling their Clarence Street ground for £600,000 for housing development. At a rent of £1, they can continue using the ground until May 1989, but informal talks are being held with York City football club on the possibility of ground-sharing.

Prodigal's day

Dmitry Bilozerchev, former world champion but disgraced as a drunken driver two years ago, led his Soviet colleagues, Valeriy Lyukin, Yuri Korolyov and Vladimir Artemov into a commanding lead at the half-way stage of the men's team competition in the world gymnastics championships in Rotterdam.

Kratochvilova: time to coach

Off track

Jarmila Kratochvilova, of Czechoslovakia, double world champion in 1983 at 400 metres and 800 metres, has retired and will concentrate on coaching youth, it was announced in Prague.

Oxford blues

After selling Ray Houghton to Liverpool for £825,000, the Oxford United manager, Maurice Evans, is warning that he might be forced to sell more players to keep the club solvent and avoid relegation.

Slopes please

Mount Allan, the much criticized hill designated as site of the Alpine skiing in next February's Calgary Olympics, has received final approval from FIS, the governing body of ski racing.

Driver's fight

Shekar Mehta, of Kenya, five times winner of the Safari Rally, who was badly injured in a crash in the Pharoah Rally in Egypt on Monday, was admitted to a Paris hospital for spinal tests yesterday.

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